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# The bishop's secret son

## Roman Catholic Church rocked by latest revelation about **Bishop Wright**

church was in turmoil last night tion that the for-mer Bishop of Ar-gyll and the Isles, who disappeared with a divorcee two weeks ago, has a 15-yearold son by another woman.

Joanna Whibley, aged 48, approached the BBC to describe in detail her relationship with the Rt Rev Roderick Wright when he was a curate in Fort William, and how he has refused to acknowledge his son, Kevin. Shortly before Bishop Wright disappeared, he phoned Ms Whibley and promised he would come and live with them after his resignation to "make amends" for the hurt he had caused. He

has not made contact since. The Scottish Catholic Church confirmed last night that Bishop Wright was the father of Kevin Whibley. Bishop Wright informed Car dinal Winning of the boy's existence at a meeting last Sunday night in Glasgow when he

offered his resignation. "The church authorities were made aware of the fact that Roderick Wright was the father of a child known as Kevin Whibley, born in 1981, last Sunday evening," the Church said in a statement last night. "This was in fact one of the main reasons given for his resignation and was communicated to the Vatican

with his resignation." Father Tom Connelly, spokesman for the Catholic church in Scotland, told BBC Scotland he was devastated. "Clearly the news does an enormous amount of damage damage to the credibility of the Church, to the credibility of individual priests going about their legitimate business trying to conduct their pastoral affairs.

"And I am absolutely sure that many, many Catholics will be the butt of jokes and slap talk in offices, shops, workshops, colleges and uni-

The Church in Scotland made no reference to the boy on Monday afternoon to an that he was very distressed.

tion, but defended the omis-sion on the grounds that "it thorities to make such confidential information public".

Bishop Wright disappeared two weeks ago from his dio-cese, as did Kathleen Macphee, a divorced nurse with three children, with whom he has been friendly for nearly 20 years. Their whereabouts

are unknown.

Ms Whibley fought back tears as she told on BBC TV the secret as her former lover moved up the church hierarhas he," she said from her home in Polegate, East Susany motive of revenge on hearing of his name linked with Ms Macphee.

and put and end to Kevin's feeling that he shouldn't evenexist. Although Kevin knows it's his dad and Roddy knows he's his dad, he has been an absent father," she said Ms Whibley said Bishop

Wright had cruelly betraye her, keeping her hopes of eventual reconciliation alive until a few weeks ago, while with another woman.

The name of Kevin's father cate. He said he was tired at feeling awkward when his school friends asked him who his father was. He thought there were other children like "I feel angry at the loss of a father and it's too late now. I

don't even want him if he comes now. It is too late. "I haven't seen him for more than two months put

together in my whole life and it was useless then because I have been awkward talking to him. He didn't speak to me, but that's probably because i was cold towards him." According to a statement issued by the Catholic Media

Office in London, Cardinal Basil Hume had no "prior knowledge whatsoever on what has been disclosed about the bishop in the news this evening. He was shocked and saddened to learn of it and he will make no further

Cardinal Hume later added nounce the bishop's resigna- He said in an interview with



also to those people let down

The Catholic church will be subjected to a barrage of questions and criticism following scandal likely to attract interest among Catholics

tirely genuine. She de-scribed the agony of trial

pect of a significant prison

sentence in the balance.
"She told me of problem

Channel 4 news: "But my 15 years and gain promotion heart goes out, especially to will draw accusations of hy-Kevin and his mother, and pocrisy, and church officials pocrisy, and church officials admitted last night that the candal will damage the credibility and authority of the

church hierarchy.
The Catholic church will be under intense pressure also to explain how Bishop Wright was able to send Ms Whibley large sums, most recently a

Will daddy be coming

"Mrs Maxwell's bewil-

derment and anger at the decision to proceed to an-

other trial were not feigned. I cannot be over-in-

fluenced by such matters,

but no one could have been unmoved by her evidence."

cheque of £2,000 last July | have insisted that the case of Bishops receive a stipend as | Bishop Wright was a minor little as £3,000 a year.

The moving revelations of Ms Whibley and the deflant anger of her son, Kevin, come at an embarrassing point after several days of intense debate about the Catholic church's requirement that all

matter. They also insisted that his into question the celibacy required of all priests. Last night Cardinal Hume said he stood by his vigorous defence of celibacy and urged the Church to consider how it priests be celibate. Cardinal Church to conside Hume and Cardinal Winning prepared its priests.

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IT WAS NOBODY, WITH NOTHING, IN THE BOARDROOM.







Kevin Whibley, top left, and his father Bishop Wright, who sent him money, most recently more than £2,000 last July

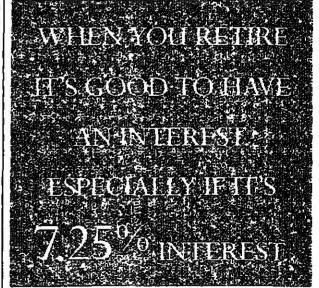
#### The end of 'the lie'

"I made up my mind in the night that I must unburden myself and start my life and put an end to Kevin's feeling even exist . . . I have lived a lie and so has he." Joanna Whibley, 48, mother of Bishop Roderick Wright's son

"I am sure many Catholics will be the butt of jokes."

Fr Tom Donnelly, a

"I feel angry at the loss of a father and it's too late now. I don't even want him if he comes now. It is too late . . . that he should not I haven't seen him for more than two months together in my whole life and it was useless because it was awkward talking to him. He didn't speak to me, probably because I was cold towards him." church spokesman Kevin Whibley, 15



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Maxwell goes free: so who did steal the £400m?

EMANDS for radical changes to the system which involves juries hearing complex fraud cases escalated yesterday as Kevin Maxwell walked from the judge ruled he will not face a with the £425 million pension fund scandal that sank his father's media empire nearly

five years ago. The decision, which ends all criminal proceedings in the Maxwell affair, prompted



Maxwell (left) made and the days waiting for the verdict with the prosa remarkable impression on Mr Justice Buckley

when she spoke of stress caused by the threat of a econd trial. 'Her obvious distress

of "serious implications" for the trial of white-collar crime. There are suggestions from inside the SFO that courts should be given back the the Maxwell affair, prompted the Serious Fraud Office director, George Staple, to warn composed of bank managers,

with her children. In par-ticular, their son, who had been told by schoolmates that his father was going to accountants and other financially experienced people. Kevin, 37, told a news con ference shortly after the deci-sion: "I stand before you as an

sense and humanity". Mr Justice Buckley delivered his decision in a 55-minute statement in Court 13. These proceedings serve no innocent man." He would be "eternally grateful to the judge for showing common further public interest and benefit." A second trial "would be unfair, so unfair as

Kevin, his brother Ian, and the financial adviser, Larry Trachtenberg, were cleared in January after a 131-day trial on charges on conspiracy to defraud pension funds. The SFO announced it would pro-

prison. Whenever her hus- to amount to an abuse of band goes out she is asked power of the court."

ceed with separate charges against Kevin, Mr Trachtenerg and the former Maxwell executive, Albert Fuller, on conspiracy to defraud Two more counts involved

Kevin, Mr Fuller and Mr turn to page 3, column 3

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into turmoil.

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Prince Charles has blamed factory farming for Britain's BSE crisis and urged moves towards organic farming.

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Clinton is so far ahead in the race for the White House that the focus has shifted to Democrat hopes of regaining control of Congress. Finance The OFT began a ... large inquiry into personal pensions, focussing on people hoodwinked into leaving company pension schemes.

Crystal Palace's Dave Bassett is the latest manager to TV, Radio and Weather 16 turn down the job at Manchester City, throwing Maine Road

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#### Sketch

## Greens looking fairly faded



Stuart Millar

I T MAY have been a typing error, but insiders prefer to see it as a calculated bid for publicity. To the horror of Green Party officials, the draft agenda for their autumn conference this week bore the dubious invitation: "Female circumcision - bring your own instruments". Whether cockup or conspiracy, it would un-doubtedly have been less cringe-inducing than the reality of the conference

yesterday. Delegates arrived in buoy-ant mood. Spurred by their campaigning success on the Road Traffic Reduction Bill and a recent increase in membership, the party was putting on a good show of renewed optimism and a determination to continue the fight.

Yet you just can't help feeling sorry for the Greens. While their mainstream political rivals spend the annual conference season in the relative luxury of Blackpool, Brighton or Bournemouth, this party's dedicated activists are saddled with a grey and

windswept Hastings. Of course, the Sussex town and the party do have a few things in common - both were thrust unwittingly into the limelight by one-off cata-clysmic political events only to fade into decay.

And just as the town's new slogan is "1996 — the year Has tings battled back", the Greens are struggling to recapture their earlier

But no matter how much they want to change the planet, it is difficult to escape the notion that they are not really of it. Take yesterday's main

event for example, billed as an election raily to rouse On the platform, decked out in sunflowers, speakers talked loftily about seizing the oppor-

tunity to establish a new fault-

flasks and clapping politely. As the soft-spoken chairman alled delegates up to speak by their first names, observers ould have been forgiven for thinking they had straved into the local Women's Instirute rather than a crucial party conference at a defining moment in British politics. And that banner above the platform would have had Mau

while a smattering of dele-gates sat around little tables.

rice Saatchi spinning in his ermine finery - a big. admittedly clever-looking, green and yellow owl bearing the slo gan: "We have the answers". Looking around the sparsely populated room, one question they couldn't answer was what had happened to all the delegates.

The press blurb promised 500. In the hall there were about 80 and most of them seemed to be from the Oxford branch, which is apparently to the Greens what the Transport and General Workers is to the TUC.

Nor were there very many activists in evidence at such surefire Green crowd-pullers as the "healing area". identifiable by the perfumed aroma and the table of coloured gemstones. Apart from a couple of people crashed out on tables recognisable as eco-types by the obligatory ethnic-pattern blankets they dozed under), only the healers themselves were there. Packing their wares, they shrugged and headed off, presumably to the bar for some old-style healing.

The real business of this conference will start today. The Greens are considering making 1996 the year they bottled out. A group, led by the Mancunian activist, Dr Spencer Fitz-Gibbon, has tabled an emergency motion calling for the national party organisation to disengage itself from the general election process. concentrating tight resources on building grassroot mem-bership and fighting local and European elections where the party has a far greater success

While the motion almost certainly will be defeated, there is an uneasy feeling that Dr Fitz-Gibbon's piece in the have a point. "Go back to your constituencies and be annihilated," declares the ominous

US general explodes Pentagon's defence against claims of Gulf war syndrome

## Nerve gas 'hit 24,000'

N AMERICAN general yesterday blew apart the pretence illnesses known collectively as the "Gulf war syndrome" may have affected only a small number of allied troops who served in the 1990it conflict.

General Barry McCaffrey, a senior commander during the war, said he feared as many as 24,000 of his troops may have been exposed to the deadly nerve gas sarin when United States soldiers blew up a massive ammunition depot in southern Iraq shortly after he conflict had ended.

The retired general - who low serves as President Bill Clinton's drug-enforcement supremo - said that on March 4, 1991, his entire division was within 15 miles of an Iraqi bunker used to store chemical weapons when. apparently unknown by him at the time, it was destroyed by US demolition experts. More than 60,000 US and

,700 British veterans of the Gulf war have persistently complained of mysterious nealth problems which they suspect were caused by expo sure to non-conventional reapons during the campaign to liberate Kuwait.

Gen McCaffrey expressed his fears as the Pentagon ad-mitted for the first time that more than 5,000 US troops may have been exposed to sarin when the concrete bunker in the sprawling Samisayah ammunition de pot was blown up, sending a lense cloud of smoke drifting across the desert.

The US Defence Depart ment had previously insisted that only about 300 or 400 troops directly involved in the Kamisayah demolition may have been exposed to hemical weapons after the March 4 explosion and the later destruction of a store of Katyusha rockets with chemical warheads on March 10.

The emergence of new de ails strikes directly at the Pentagon's position. Before it egan conceding that some troops may have been afcted, it had insisted for more than four years that US troops were not exposed in rubber suits, gloves and boot

That's showbiz

Cameron Macintosh owns the Prince of Wales and

West End theatres now owned by Mayfair

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large numbers to chemical or biological weapons. Gen McCaffrey told News-

day that an inspection of maps and records showed that his 24th Mechanised Infantry Division had been within 15 miles of so-called "Bunker 73" when it was blown up. The Pentagon has admitted that troops within a 16-mile radius may have suf-fered "low-level exposure". Indicating that no one had

informed him of the bunker's destruction, the general said: 'I am astounded that I hadn't heard of this report [of the sarin demolition) before. We were scared to death precisely this would happen." He said his troops had worn

coverings throughout the war ! to protect against gas attacks - but had not been wearing gas masks when the bunker was demolished.

On Wednesday night the Pentagon said that it was raising its estimate of the number of troops who may have been affected because its investigators had discovered that chemical agents may have been released on two separate occasions, and not just one.

"As we learn more about Kamisayah in the next few weeks we expect to identify more troops who might have been exposed," the Pentagon said in a statement. The US military has said

that it is notifying all veterans who may have been ex-

posed, but is now certain to come under intense pressure to provide details on precisely which unns were in the area. Earlier this month, a White House inquiry into Gulf war from Gulf war syndrome. syndrome criticised the Pen-

"We're not surpised to hear of this." Tony Flint, regional tagon for conducting a "superficial" investigation and warned that officials had dramatically underestimated the number of troops who may have been exposed. David Fairhall writes: A Ministry of Defence spokes-

man in London said yester day: "No British forces were in the vicinity of Bunker 73. The nearest British troops were 150 kilometers south east of Kamisayah, concentrated west of Kuwait City." But the US reports will nev

ertheless provide ammuni-tion for British veterans meeting in Southport this weekend who are appealing for more information about ex-service personnel suffering

co-ordinator of the National Gulf Veterans and Families Assocation, said last night Obviously we must now investigate whether any British troops were in the same area.

The association has set up a helpline (0161 929 4748) for those seeking advice.

## Cabinet stalls on beef decision

SPECIAL Cabinst meeting on BSE and the beef cull ended after two hours last night with no decision on limiting meat imports to the UK, despite earlier indications that Britain was ready to snub its Surveyan ready to snub its European partners and unitaterally cut back on the cattle to be killed.

A Downing Street spokes man said there would be "no

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statement at this stage. There is expected to be clarification this morning.

The Prime Minister chaired the talks, called to discuss the way ahead for BSE carris in Britain. Ministers include: Britain. Ministers, including the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, and the Agriculture Minister, Doug-las Hogg, are thought to have considered a proposal on means of limiting imports. The EU Commission offered

a ray of hope on Wednesday night by agreeing to look at the British research which unnecessary.

Both Tory backbenchers and some Cabinet members

are gloomy about the pros-pects of either the European Commission or other ED member states softening their stance on British beef it means some kind of backlash against imported beef would be likely to strike a chord among disgruntled Conservatives.

A European Commission spokesman confirmed yester day that it would be examining the new scientific evi-dence from Britain, but said it was unlikely that the export ban could be lifted within

Earlier, a cross-party group of Northern Ireland politicians met Mr Major at Down-ing Street to emphasise to him that the BSE crisis is having a serious effect on the Ulster economy, and call for action. They left with no assurance that farmers in Northern Ireland would be treated differently.

In Strasbourg MEP's John Hume, the SDLP leader, and the Ulster Uniquist Jim Nicholson — were jointly pressing the case at a meeting with the EU Agriculture Commissioner.

#### Review

line in British politics.

## Cold witness of human bondage

Adrian Searle

Robert Mapplethorpe Hayward Gallery, London

OBERT Mapplethorpe always was a bad boy.
The latest exhibition of his work, which opens to the public today, arrives in London in a predictable fanfare of indignation. True to form for the American photographer, who died of Aids in 1989, it runs the gamut from willies to lilies, from portraiture to

It includes pictures of chil-dren — though not the one of Rosle, a young girl with no knickers, at the centre of the recent row over allegedly pornographic imagery. The pic-ture was among some 40 left out because there wasn't enough room for the whole of the huge touring show at the Hayward. The organisers admit to having taken legal advice, but also argue that Rosie is not a key work.

The 200-odd works that are exhibited make it clear that. whether Mapplethorpe is photographing a flower in a vase. a battleship on a grey horizon. an erect penis or a society beauty, the same erotic

charge is present. This is why his work seems so dangerous. He was, in many respects, a very conventional photographer, with his coldly glamor-ous portraits of Donald Suth-erland and Doris Saatchi, the painter Willem De Kooning and the actress Susan Sarandon, his sometimes touching, almost sentimental, pictures of children, and his elegantly staged still lives of flowers. Part of the shock, however.

is that these ordinary subjects

are captured with the same sexual and aesthetic charge as his pictures of revolvers and

sado-masochistic practices. Aesthetic taste always has an erotic component, and Mapplethorpe's skill was to condense and reveal it. Every thing, for him, was strange, and everything he photographed was caught in a haunting chiaroscuro.

His pictures of men in bondage gear, lounging incongrously in an elegant flat, or of a man with a huge weight suspended from his testicles, are unsettling. One must ask, too. about the way he depicted black men. As much as the camera seems to subjugate them, to turn them into objects, they assert their inde-pendence, stare back at us, refuse our gaze. These pictures are full of ambivalence.

Mapplethorpe once said he was merely a commentator or the madness of our times, but it was a madness which affected his own life. Mappleth orpe, with his steely eye, highly formalised photographs of extreme — or down-right dangerous — sexual acts, his lingering shots of the

body, was too fascinated by his subjects to be seen as merely a witness. "I am look-ing for perfection in form. I do that with portraits. I do it with cocks. I do it with flowers," he once said. For him, there was perfection even in perversity.

Perhans we should see him as a symptom as much as a commentator. He throws our liberality into confusion, and our sympathy and desires into doubt. If his work doesn't pro-voke strong feelings, there's something wrong.

### Sarah Boseley AMERON Mackinmany of Britain's most suc-

This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

#### **MEPs** want curbs on 'cheap' television

Andrew Culf Media Correspo

EGISLATION to protect ers including the BBC was demanded yesterday by the European Parliament.

MEPs voted in Strasbourg for laws to stop satellite and cable companies from having exclusive access to sports | by 213 votes to 140.

events and to stem the tide of cheap US imports on Euro-

pean television screens.
They said public service broadcasters should continue to receive realistic state fund. ing and play an integral part in the development of digital television.

A report drawn up by Car-ole Tongue, the Labour MEP for London East, was adopted



tosh, the multi-mil-lionaire producer of cessful musicals, from Cats to Les Miserables and Miss Saigon, looks set to buy seven West End theatres and become the most influ-ential figure in London's

theatreland.

Mackintosh, already the owner of the Prince of Wales and the Prince Ed-ward theatres, is thought to be in the final stages of ne-gotiations with Mayfair Theatres and Cinemas, owners of the Albert Picowners of the Albery, Piccadilly, Donmar Ware-house, Whitehall, Wynd-hams, Comedy and Phoenix theatres. The deal would be worth many millions. The Playhouse, a small London

theatre , was on the market recently for £2 million.



Cameron Mackintosh: in

there are 18 now playing a development that has dis-mayed those who mourn the disappearing serious drama. And yet the theatrical world was yesterday de-lighted at the prospect of Mackintosh taking control of such a slice of the West

"One of the crucial points is that for a long time a number of us have felt that one of the main problems in

on plays." said the theatre | would hold yet more all-critic. Sheridan Morley, singing, all-dancing shows. who says he expects an an-ouncement of the deal this

Key to theatres

Theatres Cameron

Macintosh wants to buy

weekend.
"These buildings are now a hundred years old and need a lot of work. An absentee landlord is less Andrew Lloyd-Webber

had refurbished the Adel-phi, where his hit Sunset pan, where his hit Sunset Boulevard is playing, and the Palace Theatre, where Mackintosh's Les Misera-bles was still running. Mackintosh had done "a refit of stunning propor-tions" on the Prince Ed. tions" on the Prince Ed-ward, where his new musical, Martin Guerre, opened in July, said Mr Morley.

If Mackintosh did the ame on his new clutch of theatres. "they will sud-denly have warmth and heart". Mackintosh, who com-

mands extraordinary devotion from colleagues, would certainly want his theatres to look smart and attractive, both as a matter of pride and to attract audi-ences who may be deterred by their current shabbi-

recently for £2 million.

It is largely thanks to Mackintosh that musicals have swept the West End — States, by people who put new Mackintosh venues ten.

most of them are too small

for musicals.

"They are all basically straight play theatres," said Michael Billington, the Guardian's theatre critic.
"They are the heart at the moment of drama in the West End — the Albery has Chekhov. the Wyndham has a new play. I would hope and assume that if Cameron Mackintosh does take them over, he will pursue that policy. He is a very shrewd and sensible theatrical operator. He is a musi-cal specialist, but he does know about straight plays and I assume be would ap-proach them as straight play venues.

Howard Watson, of the Society of London Theatres. said: "His support of theatre as an individual rather than as a producer with a company goes right across the board. He does a lot of charity work for theatres. He helped get the Old Fire Station in Oxford up and running."

up and running."
With nine theatres,
Mackintosh would have the

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IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

## Saga of the rising sons

lan and Kevin follow welltrodden path into Russia



## Maxwells' star shines in the East

Lisa Buckingham, Celia Weston, David Gow and Richard Norton-Taylor

nished pod, Kevin and Ian Maxwell have turned their business skills towards publishing, television . . . and Russia.

Their father, the discredited media tycoon, Robert Maxwell, was born in Czechoslovakia and always maintained strong links with eastern Europe even when that meant endorsing some of the region's most vilified

regimes. He spoke six east European languages, and claimed to be a trusted associate of the for-mer Soviet chief, Mikhail

Now two of his sons, who were routinely humiliated by their father when they worked as hired hands in his media empire, are ploughing

They are working in what is described as a freelance capacity for Westbourne Communications, a central London consultancy run by Jean Baddeley — Robert Maxwell's long-standing secretary — which has a number of proects in the former Soviet Union. It is said to pay them up to £30,000 a year each — almost certainly a gross

under-estimate. Chief among Westbourne's projects is a plan to set up a tellite TV operation for 150 spectacularly declared bank-

million viewers in partner-ship with the state-controlled All-Russian Television and Radio. But the junior Max-wells have already been involved with Maximov Publications in producing a Who's Who of top Russians retailing

Ian is listed as an editorial director and is a constant vis-itor to its Moscow offices.

At one time they were working with Nordex, a mys-terious Vienna-based trading company, many of whose employees are former Soviet intelligence officers.

Their involvement with Nordex was arranged through Westbourne. Nordex, which trades in the Middle East as well as countries of the former Soviet block, was reported three years ago to have a turnover of £1.7

Its activities have caught the attention of western intel-

that Westbourne's relationship with Nordex came to "a natural end" in 1994. "The Maxwell brothers work on various major projects we have, including quite a few in Russia, as strategic business consultants and giving marketing advice.

A business associate com-mented: "There is no doubt that Kevin and Ian have firstclass connections in Moscow

They are plugged into all the A father of six, Kevin was

> the humming birds could achieve a state of

> complete weightless-

ness. In other words, they could float. Even more sensational, this

experiment has now been carried out on

humans; some as

Leaked photographs

heavy as 20 stone.

working long hours — in addition to the time he has ligence agencies.

Mrs Baddeley said yesterspent on his defence — on his freelance work.

> brightest of the Maxwell offspring, Kevin was ultimately unable to withstand the sheer force of his father. But when the sky fell in on the empire after Maxwell dis-

£406.5 million but has been

appeared from his yacht, it was the apparently iron-spirited women of the family who caught the imagination as the backbone of the family. Cap'n Bob's wife, Elizabeth,

was, however, soon to reveal what hell the media tycoon had put her through and the apparently made in-heaven match between the second oldest son, Ian, and his wife Laura was to fall apart

Laura stood by Ian's side for the entire 131-day trial, and had remained steadfast despite the prospect of home-lessness. But the blonde Chicago-born former model who had taken up a career in TV. finally quit her husband's loid speculation about her side after five years of lifestyle and romantic attachment marriage.

marriage. | ments, she appears to have towards his wealth when Only Pandora, Kevin's maintained her spending and making an assessment for



Kevin Maxwell: working as Ghislaine Maxwell . . . only consultant for ex-secretary sibling still untarnished

famed for telling a dawn raid of police and fraud investiga-tors to 'piss off' — has

remained on side, even bear-

Pandora, the daughter of a

car number plate maker,

never saw eye-to-eye with Ke-

which was, by all accounts,

wholly reciprocated — al-

though she claimed to have

been "charmed" by the char-ismatic tycoon as much as

immune to this paternal se-

duction, even though clearly intimidated by their father

who felt no compunction in publicly humiliating both. Apart from the oldest sur-

viving child, Phillip, who

long since distanced himself from his father's business.

and Isabel, only Ghislaine, the 34-year-old younger daughter — regarded as the apple of Daddy's eye — ap-pears untarnished by the

brush of the scandal.

ing another child.

rupt with record debts of earthily spoken other half -

£25 million.

32,000 pensioners were affected, although all have Bringing the Maxwell brothers to trial cost at least

Kevin told a press confer-

he "couldn't say" whether the group's pension funds remained in surplus.

Inquiries established a

£425 million shortfall on

Maxwell pension schemes

since her father's death.

The Maxwell allegations

Most recently Ms Maxwell

who has lived in the US for the past five years and severed up her UK roots when she sold a £350,000 house, stated her occupation as "Internet writer." When on a visit to London she was fined £1,000 last month for drinkdriving.

In the most expensive criminal trial in history, Ian and Kevin have run up a legal bill most others. Neither Kevin nor Ian was of up to £20 million, virtually all of which is being paid by

legal aid.
In addition, the Serious
Fraud Office investigation
has cost about £11 million of

taxpayers' money.

Despite bankruptcy declarations, aid to the Maxwell brothers prompted the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, to announce a crackdown on cases where "apparently wealthy" people received legal aid while the clearly impoverished got nothing.

pending civil action, long be-fore the trial, which meant they could not be counted

#### Facts and figures of the affair rank as Britain's largest

began 1,752 days ago, when domestic fraud case. ence in December 1991 that Jurors in the 131-day trial of Kevin and Ian Max-well and the financial adviser, Larry Trachtenberg, nade history in January with the longest retirement of any jury — 11 nights.

> Kevin was in the witness box for 21 days; his brother. Ian, did not give evidence.

 Nobody has been convicted of a criminal offence in relation to the affair, nor is any senior banker known

standing in social circles | legal aid. Kevin was declared a bankrupt and was said to

have signed on the dole before

the trial started. He has

recently been discharged as a bankrupt. But, as if his own court embroglio was insufficient, Kevin popped up earlier this Owen Oysten, the discredited socialist businessman who was eventually found guilty

of sexual assault. And a growing taste for legal jousting was further in-dulged when Kevin recently attempted to stop publication of Jeffrey Archer novel, The Fourth Estate, which is loosely based on rivalry be-tween his father and Rupert

#### Decision will bring calls for jury reform

Legal Correspondent

"HE final collapse of the Maxwell prosecutions will inevitably prompt calls for radical reform of juries in complex fraud trials. The Serious Fraud Office fears yesterday's decision could undermine its whole

approach to the most complex cases — splitting them into a series of trials to make them manageable for juries. Prose-cutors fear the message of yesterday's ruling — that if the first trial fails they may not get a second chance — will make it hard to convey a whole picture of dishonesty to

a randomly chosen jury. no chance that Parliament would accept the 1986 recom-Committee on Fraud Trials. that such cases be dealt with by a judge with two specially qualified assessors. But the office may lobby the Home Office and Lord Chancellor's department for a revival of the special seven-member juries which sat at the Old Bai-ley until just after the second

world war, to deal with seri-ous frauds. The SFO may

tional requirement, such as GCSEs in English and maths. The office may also float a proposal that those selected to sit on a jury for months should be paid, and their employers compensated for their absence, to discourage better-

qualified people from opting out of jury service. They will argue that juries comprising such people could cope with weighing up the evidence in even the longest, most complex cases — remov-ing the need to break them up into several trials.

Any move to tamper with the jury system will meet strong opposition from the senior judiciary, the Bar and the Law Society. Pressure for research into how juries reach their verdicts is mounting from senior lawyers and academics though not, on the whole, from judges, who fear too close a scrutiny of the jury could be the first step to its demise. The Contempt of Court Act bars all research

James Morton, editor of the New Law Journal and joint author of a book on juries, said: The first thing that must be done is to repeal the ban in the Contempt of Court Act so we can have proper research on juries."

After the Maxwell defen-dants' acquittal last January, the Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, conceded that the Government would need to look "carefully" at the pos-sibility of dispensing with jupress for a minimum educa- ries in fraud trials.



## Scientists claim breakthrough in zero-gravity sminting



PHYSICISTS in Cam-

bridge are close to solving the bizarre and baffling phenomenon of zero gravity sminting. A team led by Professor Albert E. Hatt, has been operating with scientists from both the USA and Russia to determine the effects of zero gravity sminting on humming birds. After being exposed to the effects of a small, blue

rectangular pack just once, Makes your mouth a much nicer place.

### Who did steal the £400m?

continued from page 1 Trachtenberg on related charges. The former Maxwell executive, Michael Stoney. would have faced two accusa tions of false accounting. None of these charges will now be prosecuted. The SFO claimed yesterday's ruling

with panels of judges, "expert assessors" or a mixture of the

forms the next Government.

The SFO believed it had a

taken "somewhere in England"show Russian had put it in an impossible volunteers floating at position. Already the judi-ciary has ruled that jurors least 15 feet in the air should not have to sit through and being secured by lengthy trials relating to large fishing lines. Professor numbers of offences, so the SFO has responded, as in the Maxwell case, by "severing" the indictment into separate Hatt explains: "At first, it was a bit tricky with the humans, especially the overweight Now, Mr Justice Buckley Russian volunteers. has ruled that it ought in future to be "unusual" for We had to subject them to

continuous sminting before there to be a second trial in we saw any effect. such cases.
Mr Staple said: "This case But once we got the dose vividly illustrates the difficulright, we had them floating ties of large fraud cases." In June, the director suggested on air for up to an hour at a the time may have come to examine the possibility of tak-



But a school of thought in-side the agency-suggests special juries", abolished in 1970. may provide a compromise acceptable to whoever



judge disgreed. He said that criticisms of his multi-million where there was an "affront to fair play and decency ... the administration of justice is better served by staying the proceedings".

He attacked the "unhealthy

and adverse media publicity surrounding the Maxwell af-fair and said another trial would signal to the public that the authorities did not accept the verdict of the first jury. "I accept the jury's ver-dict. These proceedings are stayed." There were extraordinary

ing juries out of lengthy fraud trials and replacing them media in the Great Hall of Lincoln's Inn and spoke of a He thanked his wife, family ought to be separated. right to verdicts on the whole

arm around his brother, Ian. Police battled with reporters to clear a path to a waiting Alfa Romeo saloon. Shortly afterwards, Kevin faced the

scenes outside the High Court as Kevin emerged with his

sense of relief that a night-

Kevin (right) and Ian Maxwell celebrate after the decision of its Maxwell indictment; the | and friends and responded to pound legal-aid bill. "Justice

. and my freedom [don't]

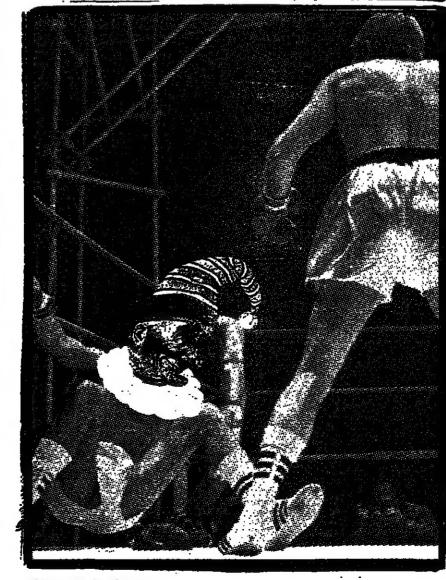
have a price.

"This is ... a great day for me personally." His next move would be "lunch, hopefully". He was "still pretty numb from this morning's decision. It hasn't sunk in."

As the Maywells celebrated As the Maxwells celebrated the SFO was once again the

target for criticism. Labour's economic spokesman, Mike O'Brien, confirmed that the role of the anti-fraud force would come within the regulatory review promised should the party form the next government. "Some of the decisions taken by the SFO and the way in which they have been implemented have raised concerns for some years."

The Liberal Democrats suggested the office's twin investigation prosecution function



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## **Kurdish TV** still on air after raids

TAFF at the world's only Kurdish televiion station vowed to continue broadcasting from their London headquarters yesterday after nor-mal service was interrupted by a police raid for material linking it to terrorism. Hikmet Tabuk, director of

Med-TV. last night used an emergency satellite link to tell the station's audience in Europe and south-eastern Turkey that simultaneous searches had also been mounted on Wednesday at the company offices in Belgium and homes in Germany.

Subscribers saw only a message on TV screens announcing: "We have been attacked by the enemy. We hope to continue broadcasting

Raids were also reported on the Kurdistan parliament in exile in Brussels and Kurdish premises in France.
Computer disks and files
were seized from the chan-

nel's central London office during a three-hour visit by

tion about us, but the ques-tion is whether it is accurate or not." Mr Tabuk said. "We are confident that we have nothing to hide.

"This raid on a minority language broadcaster shows the enormous pressures de-ployed against any expression of Kurdish cultural identity." Mr Tabuk said that quick Turkish media coverage of the raids — the main story in yesterday's newspapers — suggested Ankara had prior

knowledge. Turkish TV reported last night that 80 Med-TV studio staff and other Kurdish activists in Brussels were still in custody after police searched 20 houses following the seizure in Luxembourg of 350 million francs (£45 million) belonging to the company.

Turkey, a member of Nato and a candidate for the European Union, has made the clo sure of the channel, on air for 17 months, a high priority in its foreign relations.

Turkey claims Med-TV is the propagated as

the propaganda arm of the separatist Kurdish Workers Special Branch officers using Party, which has been fighting a warrant issued under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Prevention of Terrorism Act. south-east of the country. Medstaff said.

No one has been charged but Scotland Yard said last stateless nation.



Maev Kennedy on a matter of definition

ODERN ART began in 1900, it has been officially decided, and as a result Picasso.

and as a result Picasso.
Monet, and Gauguin will
have to move home.

The directors of the two
great British art collections, the National Gallery
and the Tate, are to exchange dozens of paintings
in a move to rationalise
their displaye their displays. The Tate will now declare 1900 as the starting date for

1900 as the starting date for its modern foreign collec-tion — the British collec-tion will still begin with works dating from the 17th century. The Tate will lend some paintings predating 1900 to fill gaps in the dis-play of the National Gal-lery, receiving in return reshuffle lery, receiving in return masterpieces including Monet's magnificent late Water Lilles.

"We think it is very im-portant that the collections should be where they make the most sense, and where the public can most enjoy them." said Neil Mac-Gregor, director of the National Gallery.

In the past, it took a lot of homework for visitors to

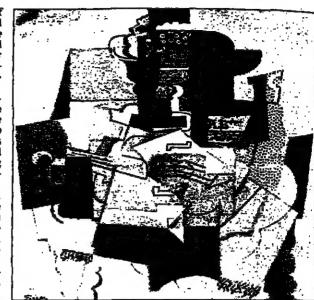
homework for visitors to follow the careers of major artists like Matisse or Pissarro, and realise that 10-year gaps in their development in one collection were filled by paintings in the other.

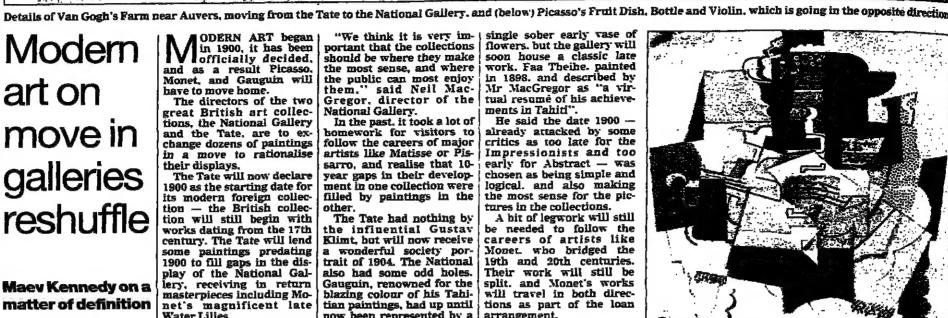
The Tate had nothing by the influential Gustav Klimt, but will now receive a wonderful society por-trait of 1904. The National also had some odd holes. Gauguin, renowned for the blazing colour of his Tahitian paintings, had up until tions as part now been represented by a arrangement.

single sober early vase of flowers, but the gallery will soon house a classic late work. Faa Theihe, painted in 1898, and described by Mr MacGregor as "a vir-tual resume of his achievements in Tahiti". He said the date 1900 -

already attacked by some critics as too late for the Impressionists and too early for Abstract — was chosen as being simple and logical, and also making the most sense for the pictures in the collections. A bit of legwork will still be needed to follow the careers of artists like Monet who bridged the 19th and 20th centuries.

Their work will still be split, and Monet's works tions as part of the loan





## **New gain for** women priests

ladeleine Bunting Religious Affairs Editor

■HE Church in Wales voted by the narrowest of margins yesterday to lift the ban on women becom-

The change scraped through by one vote among the clergy — though bishops and laity voted heavily in favour — ending the last bar on women in the priesthood vithin the Anglican church in Britain.

The decision, at a tense meeting in Lampeter, comes nearly three years after the Church of England dropped its ban, and also brings the Welsh Anglicans in line with the Church in Scotland and

Most of the 70 women deacons in the Church will now be looking forward to a mass ordination celebration early their hopes were dashed when the same bill was defeated by conservative clergy. All six bishops in the Church — which has just over 90,000 adherents in Wales — voted for women be-coming priests after the Arch-bishop of Wales made a pas-prove hardship and resign

conference not to allow the Church to become isolated. "We will simply slide backwards and nobody will be pre pared to listen to us. We will just be a forgotten province of the Anglican Church," said the Rt Rev Alwyn Rice-Jones. Women clergy had warned that the Church would lose candidates to England if the

vote failed again. The Rev Valerie Jones, who is in charge of three parishes near Llangollen, Clwyd, was among those celebrating. "I don't know what would have happened if the vote had been great sense of frustration and work left undone since we saw women priests allowed in

England and elsewhere."

The laity voted heavily in favour by 136 votes to 47. The real opposition was in the clergy section which only just managed the required twothirds majority of 85 in favour

Some clergy may now con-sider leaving the Church. The bill includes compensation arrangements for those among the 600-odd priests who decide to quit, amountsionate appeal to the within a year.

Donald Macleod Education Correspondence

will be charging stu-dents £1,000 top-up fees in government funding, the leader of Britain's vice-chancellors said yesterday. Gareth Roberts, chairman

of the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals (CVCP), said the six universities expected to charge students could be followed in 1998 by about 20 more.

provoked a furious response from student leaders — is the clearest indication of a funding crisis in universities following 5 per cent cuts to the sector in last year's Budget. More Treasury cuts are planned, including a 50 per cent reduction in capital funding over three years.

that top-up fees would lead to the re-emergence of the old rift between universities and most popular universities would be in a strong position to charge fees without dent ing recruitment. He said about six universi-

ties would charge fees of £1,000 next year. The London School of Economics is under-taking a feasibility study on fees, while Birmingham and Huddersfield universities have been discussing their in-troduction. Last year's budget ieni provoked i into threatening a £300 levy on new students - which prompted Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, to set up an inquiry by Sir Ron Dearing

into higher education funding. Although the vice-chancellors expect him to recom-mend fees, in the meantime

short-term funding problems are growing. Another bad budget settlement would lead to more redundancies among lecturers, Prof Roberts said. There have already been 2,000 posts cut this year.

At their annual conference in Sheffield, the vice-chancel-lors dropped proposals for students to repay \$20,000 towards the cost of their degrees which they had planned to submit to Sir Ron's inquiry.

Douglas Trainer, president of the NUS, welcomed the vice-chancellors' decision to student loans — but pledged opposition to top-up fees. Indi-vidual vice-chancellors would be targeted in any university that tried to introduce fees. Parents and students would be warned in a move to embarrass "rogue institutions", while the union would also consider legal action, he said.

## Students face £1,000 fees | 'Four-year' legal aid bills

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

TYPICAL litigant on legal aid who loses a court case will take four years to pay off the costs under plans to change the legal aid system, solicitors were told yesternay.

Gary Streeter, junior minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department, told lawyers campaigning against the changes that in an average case it would take a year if the litigant won or four years

His speech, to a joint conference of the Law Society and the Legal Aid Practitioners Group in Cardiff, was de signed to damp down solicitors' growing anger at the proposals and head off a possible boycott by advice agencies, who will play a key role under the changes.

mum contribution everyone would have to pay to get aid for a court case would be very low. Solicitors, who have mounted a joint campaign against the plans with nine advice organisations, were in

no mood to be placated.
Tony Girling, the Law Society president, said the requirement of a one-off fee would place justice beyond the reach of the very poor. The proposal to make losing litigants on legal aid liable for | Bs ... the victims of asbestotheir opponents' costs "will sis, the tenants living in unfit deter decent, hard-working properties, the hundreds and people from bringing genuine cases for fear of being ruined if they lost."

Mr Streeter said legal aid had lost the confidence of the public, who perceived it as lop-sided and wasteful. "At present most people who get legal aid face little or no risk of having to pay anything towards the cost. "With noth-

Mr Streeter said the mini- | ing to lose, it is not surprising that some people try their luck with weak or trivial dream of paying for themselves. Worse still, opponents. knowing they cannot recover their costs, often concede Mr Girling who outlined

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Law Society proposals to save £125 million, said: "Let us sweep away the abuses by all means. But in the process let us not sweep away the Child thousands of ordinary who have been helped to jus-

been none.' Marlene Winfield of the National Consumer Council, said: "We will make even the poorest pay something towards their legal aid. The main effect will be to deter legitimate cases

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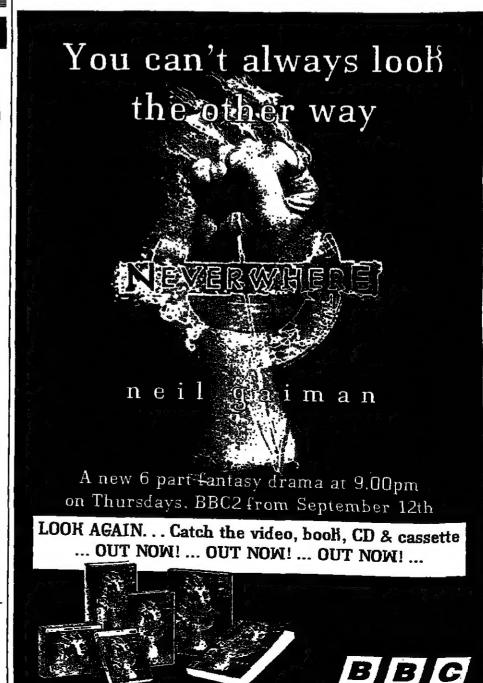
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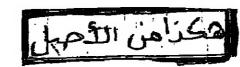
To many in the brutish, swaggering

world of gangsta rap, and even to those who followed his exploits from afar, the biggest surprise was that he lived so long.

lan Katz on the life and death of Tupac Amaru Shakur

Friday Review front





## PM's **'big** idea' turns five

The Guardian

" legal aidb

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspond

MBULANCE services in England and Wales will start to prioritise emergency calls from next year, with crews required to respond to the most urgent ones within eight minutes.
At present they have to respond to emergencies within

14 minutes in major cities and 19 minutes elsewhere — but from April emergency calls will be screened for "life-threatening conditions", the Government announced in a white paper published yester-day to mark five years of the Citizen's Charter.

The ambulance initiative will be launched in four areas before being introduced in other parts of the country.

The white paper also sets new targets requiring government departments to deal with letters from the public



John Major and public services minister Roger Freeman watch Moseley School, Birmingham pupils compile Charter Mark league tablesmotossam words. Stephen

within 20 working days - one | month of their first cancelled improve health, education, transport and public services. But it also reveals a slump in the quality of some ser-vices in the last five years.

of 100 new commitments to operation has gone up in Eng-improve health, education, land, Wales and Northern Ireland, On the Tube, London Underground — which five years ago met all nine service regularity targets - now The number of patients not | meets only four out of 10 taradmitted to hospital within a cets set.

is one simple thought: service users should come first. We all use public services they should be run for our benefit and meet our needs." Public services minister

Launching the white paper, John Major said: "At the heart of the Citizen's Charter was reflected in the fact that there are 42 national charters and 10,000 local schemes.

But Derek Foster, shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said Mr Major's "big idea" of charters had

been "a national joke", add-ing: "This anniversary presented the Government with a unique opportunity to trans form the programme into a real

## Tory deal on currency ruled out

Michael White Political Editor

ENIOR Conservatives last night dismissed hopes of agreeing a compromise in the feud over the single European currency. whereby the Cabi-net would rule out member-ship in the first 1899 wave but allow the possibility of join-ing at some time in the next parliament.

As the former prime minister, Sir Edward Heath, last night weighed in on the pro-single currency side of the argument, some Tory sceptics endorsed such a compromise as a discreet attempt to split the difference between the

two factions.
With six ex-cabinet grandees, including Sir Edward, signing a letter yesterday at-tacking the "Little England" rightwing, the current Cabi-net's most outspoken European. Kenneth Clarke, said it would be "folly" to change policies now.

That amounts to keeping all options open during the com-ing election, Air Clarke confirms today in an interview with the Daily Telegraph. The Chancellor predicts that, despite pressure for change, John Major's so-called Maastricht opt-out will hold right

up to election day.
To the fury of the Tory right (who dubbed the six "Old Men Behaving Badly"), another grandee, Douglas Hurd, yesterday made plain that Tories of the centre-left are "no longer going to shut up for fear of being told we are rocking the boat". They will fight to protect the existing formula from further salami-tactics by the right. Yesterday the row domi-

nated a planued attack by the Tory chairman, Brian Ma-

whinney, on the "extremist" Liberal Democrats. "The whole of the Conservative Party is united in not wishing to be part of a federal Europe," said Dr Mawhinney. Unlike Mr Clarke, he refused to rule out explicitly a pre-election change in the Government's neither in nor out, wait-and-see stance on the currency. But he insisted at a Central Office news con-ference: "The position of the Government is absolutely

Since Lady Thatcher, John Redwood, and (privately) some ministers want Mr Major to state that Britain will not join the currency in the 1997-2002 parliament, the idea of splitting the difference

clear. It is set out for all to

has superficial appeal. It would mean saying a Major cabinet would stay out of the "first wave" planned by France and Germany for 1999, while keeping open the chance to join before 2002. But Major loyalists argue that it would resolve none of the hard choices and merely strengthen the Euro-sceptic

In a speech last night, Sir Edward, who took Britain into Europe in 1973, argued that European matters should be debated in international terms, not used as a domestic football. He was critical of the midweek warning by the For-eign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, that a rush to a single currency could deeply divide Europe. Mr Redwood welcomed the speech, and challenged Europe to tackle the real crisis - "mass

Motions for next month's Tory conference support a referendum on the issue, to Dr Mawhinney's relief.

Alex Carille, page 9

#### Cook praises 'thoughtful and | makes play energetic' Labour leader

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

TONY Blair received ful-some praise last night from Robin Cook, one of the leading left-wingers in the shadow cabinet.

Mr Cook described Mr Blair as a "leader who is both energetic and thoughtful. He understands and shares the everyday concerns of a mod-ern young family. He also offers a vision for the future of our nation".

Party strategists agreed at the weekend that senior shadow cabinet members would speak up for Mr Blair to counter weeks of internal wrangling. Although Mr Cook has been in a bitter feud with the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, he has for the most part supported Mr Blair.

Mr Cook, speaking to the Yorkshire Fiscal Group in Leeds, said Labour had moved forward on the basis of values which are eternal but which must be applied in new ways to changing circumstances. We believe the individual thrives best in a strong community bound by common goals and common rules". He added: "We believe we

have a duty, as individuals and as a society, to help the weak and the poor and the sick." He admitted to at least one occasion on which he had disagreed been at odds with Mr Blair, over the rewriting of

"It is no secret that I was sceptical about the need to change Clause 4 or our constitution. Yet the debate strengthened our party and we now have a statement of aims and values which says what we are in terms which the Tory lie machine cannot easily misrepresent," Mr

## Mawhinney for 'soft' Lib **Dem support**

Michael White

HE Liberal Democrats were last night fighting off a Conservative drive to paint "radical leftwing" organisa-tion whose increasingly extreme policies have confused

voters. Armed with an opinion poll, Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, de-nounced the Lib Dems as not so much "woolly" as danger-ous. He said the Lib Dem supporters would "come home to the Conservatives" when they understood its policies.

Tory officials last night brandished an internal memo from the Conservative Research Department (CRD) which claimed that Mr Ashdown's leftward drift - including his abandonment of so-called "equidistance" between his larger rivals — had made the Lib Dems vulnerable.

They would be "an important source of new votes at the next election", predicted Danny Finkelstein, CRD di-rector. He cited Llb Dem support for a United States of Europe as a potent target.

Support for "fringe policies" like the legalisation of cannabis — not Lib Dem policy will also be exploited apparent voter confusion over the party's famous "1p on income tax" pledge to help edu-cation. Many voters think it means literally 1p — not 1p in the pound, Tories claim.

The findings of the ICM poll suggested that only one in five of those who say they will vote for the Lib Dems can be counted as firm supporters. But the Liberal Democrat MP Alex Carlile said the very fact that the Tories had commissioned the poll showed they were "running scared".

#### Devolution vote defended

DOUG Henderson, Labour's spokesman on constitutional issues, will de-fend the party's decision to Henderson, | Liberal Democrats, who have seek endorsement of a Scot-tish parliament through a referendum in a Guardian Charter 88 debate in Edinburgh

He will be opposed by Jim

threatened to vote against a referendum bill. The main speakers will be joined by Phil Gallie, Tory MP for Ayr, and the SNP's Fiona Hyslop for a panel discussion.

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Above, one of Sheriff Arpaio's chain gang "volunteers".

Above right, the women leave the prison, shackled together and stirred by the words of their marching song.

We go to work so we don't get fat, Wear orange suits and orange hats, Big wide belts and shiny boots, People say that we look cute.

## Women put to work in US chain gang

MERICA'S latest innovation in penal servitude dawn yesterday: 15 women shackled together in the coun-

try's first female chain gang.
"It's equal opportunity in-carceration," declared Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who proudly calls himself America's toughest

As civil rights activists held a demonstration nearby, he barked: "Forget all that stuff about rehabilitation. I'm not an educator, I'm not a social worker, I'm a cop.

The women weed and pick up rubbish in the city streets. They work eight hours a day, seven days a week for 30 days to win release from "lock down", where four inmates share an 8ft by 10ft cell.

The women seem recon-ciled, almost cheerful. Several

than mournful:

We go to work so we don't Wear orange suits and or-

People say that we look

The composer and unoffi-cial leader of the gang, Prin-cess Richardson, aged 42, it's inhumane. We knew about this when we got jail everyone knows about Sheriff Joe. They have to keep us in chains for security, and I ac-

Richardson, like the others. is serving a maximum of one year, and was originally sentenced for shooting at her abusive husband (she missed), then for violating parole. Unrepentant, she vows: "I'll get him next time."
The women's crimes range

Dana Stanley, aged 28, a prostitute, was the only one to condemn the chain as the women spoke freely to journalists while Mr Arpaio looked on "Putting women on a chain gang is wrong. I'm only doing it so I can get back

EDDIE BROWN ran away

gang 44 years ago, afraid for his life.

27 grandchildren, he can

stop looking over his shoulder. Florida no longer

wants him back in prison.

Justice Abraham Gerges of Brooklyn supreme court is expected to dismiss the

case against him.
"I feel, Lord have mercy, what a burden off my back.

Now at the age of 64, with

way," she said. Mr Arpaio claims that chain gangs, first instituted in America in the 17th century, are legally permissible and violate no civil rights, because each inmate "volun-teers". But the alternative is into the main jail. I was put in | teers". But the alternative is | meals with sandwiches. | in 1992, he has broken new lock down just for talking to | to spend 23 hours a day | stopped showing films, and | boundaries in unforgiving

It's just tremendous to be free," said Mr Brown.

Scott Buell, his lawyer, proclaimed: "It's a great

Mr Brown fled a chain

gang in Zephyrhills after serving six months of a

five-year sentence for rob-

bing a Miami shop of \$120 (£80) in 1952. He is black,

and said he ran away be-

cause a white guard had

threatened him and he feared he would be killed.

day for justice.

overcrowded. Mr Arpaio's solution was to house hundreds of his 6,000 prisoners in old army tents, where they suffer summer temperatures of al most 50C. He banned coffee and tobacco, replaced hot meals with sandwiches.

floors and shining shoes.

While living in Brooklyn

warrant for the robbery

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had bought new lipstick for from drug offences and prosti-the television cameras. They emerged chanting a marching a marching a marching a marching based 28, as the interval of the men, which is prohibited, but then I don't think prosti-tution should be a crime any in the United States, are badly ably unpopular inside the publicity. prison, but outside gets 80 per

cent public approval. "Prison is punishment so let's punish," he declared. Since he was elected to run law and order for Maricops

County's 2.5 million residents Florida shows mercy to grandfather who spent 44 years on run

> York five years later, he 'Somewhere along the took jobs that did not way, common sense must prevail," said Dexter Dougbackground checks, like scrubbing lass, the Florida governor's general counsel. Mr Brown, who suffers last year, his past caught up with him. After a minor traffic accident police checked his licence, found a

Making his way to New | to stop the proceedings.

from high blood pressure, diabetes and heart trouble. feared prison would kill him. "I just told my wife, 'If I have to go back, make and arrested him. Florida sure the insurance is all issued an extradition paid up.' I told her to come order, but agreed last week pick up my body."—AP. His predecessors did not do

well: one extracted four false confessions in a multiple murder case: another fiddled expenses on a trip to New Mexico to marry his ninth

Mr Arpaio had little to lose. After putting his prisoners in tents, his next act was to form a posse of 2,200 volunteers, 300 of them armed. Civil rights activists feared this bourgeois band of lawyers, business people and corpu-lent retirees — with mini-mum training in handling weapons or outlaws - would cause a terrible accident or wrongful killing. But the sheriff's luck has held.

One posse member was in-dicted on 23 counts of prop-erty fraud in June, but as he was the Republican state governor. Fife Symington, and the alleged offences happened before Arpiao-power, the turned in his six-shooter and not the governorship).

The sheriff introduced chain gangs last year for men, following such models of penal enlightenment as Alabama, Mississippi, and Tenessee, although they have modified or abandoned their

programmes should be that the Arpiao approach to recidivism has not worked. No evidence has emerged that criminals have reformed to avoid "Tent City". Crime figures in Arizona - excluding those which are drug-related -

mirror similar states. But few complain. The sher iff produces great publicity. On Tuesday the Republican presidential candidate, Bob Dole, dropped by to announce that the sheriff's experiment amounted to "my kind of

The sheriff's popularity

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## Why Clinton could lose by winning in the parallel race for Congress

BILL CLINTON is so far ahead in the presiden-tial race that the focus is shifting to the Democratic Parity's chances of regaining control of Congress, which they lost two years ago to Newt Gingrich's surging Republican revolution.

The retreat of that Republican tide, bringing a Demo-cratic Congress, could revi-talise Mr Clinton's aborted agenda of domestic reforms from health care to college grants and job training programmes. But it could also pave the way for a divisive battle for the Clinton inheritance in the contest for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2000. On one side stands Mr Clin-

ton's centrist "New Demo-crat" project, based in the dominant new political geog-raphy of the middle-class suburbs, and represented by Vice-President Al Gore. On the other is the traditional Democratic Party of trade protection, labour unions, the urban base and the New Deal, represented by the congressional leader, Dick Gephardt.
Mr Clinton may lose by winning. The stronger the Democratic majority in Con-gress, the better the chances of Mr Gephardt and the liberals — still suspicious of the president's readiness to com-promise with the Republicans on balancing the budget and welfare reform — taking the

party back to its roots.

There is much at stake in the 435 House and 33 Senate races this November. The majority party in each chamber wins the crucial chairmanship and the majority of seats on all the committees. It selects the House Speaker and Senate majority leader, who have almost complete control of the legislative agenda.

The newly popular "generic poll" by Gallup, which asks how people will vote in the congressional race, shows the Democrats ahead 52-42. This margin has held stoady cines poll" by Gallup, which asks how people will vote in the congressional race, shows the Democrats ahead 52-42. This margin has held steady since Republicans recaptured the labeled to recapt the retiring sense two years ago — are sit vacated by the retiring sense to recapt the vacated by the retiring sense to recapt the labeled to recapt the retiring sense the retiring sense to recapt the retiring sense to recapt the reti



A shaken but unhurt Bob Dole, who fell 4ft when leaning against a dummy railing on a campaign platform in Chico, California. A photographer broke the fall of the Republican candidate, who joked he had "won a third Purple Heart" and "at least I fell into good company" when he resumed his attack on "Hollywood values"

PHOTOGRAPH: RICK WILGING

19 seats in the House of Representatives and three in the Senate to recover their majority, and are counting on Mr Clinton's coat-tails to carry them to the target. Although many Democrats distanced themselves from the presi-

themselves from the president two years ago, when he was at his political nadir, they are clamouring for him to campaign in their districts. But the Republicans are significantly ahead in fund-raising. The national Republican campaign committee raised \$63 million (£40 million) in the first half of this year — three times more than its the first hair of this year —
three times more than its
Democratic equivalent. They
also have the ostensible advantage of incumbency, although many of their 73 freshmen — who won their their
seats two years ago — are sitting on perilously small
majorities.

last month's Democratic convention in Chicago.

The Democrats need to win a pattern the Democrats are line Howell Heflin and David Pryor's seat in Arkansas, where the Democratic Party convinced they can repeat.

But the long-term frend of the south and west becoming ever more solidly conserva-tive favours the Republicans. as another wave of 20 veteran Democrats retire. In Texas alone, the Republicans have a strong chance of picking up six seats from retiring Democrats.

Given such losses, the Democrats will have to win at last ocrats will have to win at last 30 seats to be sure of even a razor-thin majority in the House. In the Senate, where they are in danger of losing the Massachusetts seat of the low-key John Kerry to the popular liberal Republican governor William Weld, the task may be even harder task may be even harder.

The Democrats will have to

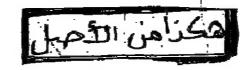
fight hard to retain the seats

where the Democratic Party has been demoralised by the conviction for fraud of Gover-

nor Jim Guy Tucker.
But the Republicans could have trouble holding the seats of the venerable rightwing Senator Strom Thurmond aged 96, of South Carolina, and Senator Jesse Helms. aged 75, of North Carolina. The Democrats also have a strong chance of winning

strong chance of winning Republican Senate seats in New Hampshire and Wyoming.

The Republicans are retreating fast from any association with Mr Gingrich's now-discredited Contract with America, which helped them win two years ago. But they are likely to retain enough seats to at least slow any ambitious Democratic legislative agenda, while the Democrats launch while the Democrats launch an internal battle for the Clinton succession.



A new film looks set to reignite the battle of the sexes, writes lan Katz in New York

## Screen revenge for scorned wives

MERICAN men are braced for a bruis-ing new round in the battle of the sexes as a film about abandoned first wives arrives in cine-

mas today.

Billed as a revenge flick for mistreated middle-aged women, First Wives Club is the story of three friends who set out to exact revenge on the wealthy husbands who left them for

younger women.

It has become a favourite subject of discussion at subject of discussion at Manhattan dinner parties, where details of New York's most expensive divorces are followed as

vorces are followed as closely as the latest fash-ions from Paris or Milan.
Hollywood executives hope First Wives Club will replicate the box-office success of Waiting to Exhale, which touched a nerve with millions of black women.

Wealthy divorcess who have seen the film at women-only screenings held by the New York

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held by the New York
Times have been delighted
by its "don't get mad, get
even" message.

"This will empower
women," said Angela Rich,
the ex-wife of Hollywood
producer Lee Rich.
Based on the best-selling
1992 novel by Olivia Goldsmith, First Wives Club
siars Diane Keaton, Goldie
Hawn and Bette Midler as
Annie, Elise and Brenda,
college classmates who college classmates who hand together after each is ahandoned by her success-

Hawn's character is an ageing Hollywood star who helps her husband become a powerful producer, only to lose him to a young bimbo played by Elizabeth

Midler plays a cashstrapped wise-cracker, and Keaton an insecure self-

Together they hatch Operation Hell's Fury, a scheme to get even with their exhusbands, and then relament their own lives.

relaunch their own lives.

Midler says the film's message is "about people being valuable even if they're older; that people get older and maybe don't look the same but they shouldn't be thrown away, because they have value".





Don't get mad, get even . . . Bette Midler (right), Goldie Hawn (above, top) and Diane Keaton (above) star revenge flick for mistreated middle-aged women', which opens in New York today

"It's all about me," said Susan Wexler, whose first husband married a woman 10 years younger than her. "My reaction was, what can I do to make myself look young again?" The film has received an

they're older; that people get older and maybe don't look the same but they shouldn't be thrown away, because they have value".

Several divorcees who have seen the film say it captures the feelings of worthlessness, anger and Trump for 14 years.

tries to get out of it as easy as possible and he will use any weapon he can. Now I say you don't need necessar-ily to bring your husband's wallet to the dry-cleaner but get at least half. Get

what you deserve." Raoul Felder, a New York divorce lawyer, expects the film to create a surge of sympathy for abandoned first wives. "The ultimate victims are going to be the exfirst husbands."

vorces, the man, of course, | typically fits into one of | the film, played by Stephen tries to get out of it as easy | two patterns. "There are | Collins, Victor Garber and

first wives who are destruc-tive inwardly and never get Dan Hedaya, are portrayed as selfish, superficial and on with their own lives, callous, Hawn insists the and there are women who are destructive outwardly, film is not anti-men.
"It's about a cross-section

who are determined to disof society, but it's certainly rupt the lives of their ex-husband by bringing con-stant legal proceedings and using children as spies." The film's liberating mesno blanket statement about men. I love men." All three lead actresses in

News in brief

Mengele drugs

inquiry opens The Spanish government said

yesterday that it had ordered Judge Baltasar Gazon to in-

vestigate allegations that intelligence agents experi-mented on vagrants with drugs in the so-called Operation Mengele.
The daily El Mundo, quot-

ing files and agents of the mil-itary intelligence agency Ce-sid, reported that agents had

kidnapped three vagrants, one of whom died, to test an-

aesthetics meant for use against Basque separatist guerrillas. — Reuter.

Turkish aid freeze

The European Parliament yesterday demanded an im-mediate freeze of European

hundreds of millions of

the controls of a jumbo jet, forcing the plane to make an emergency landing in Hel-sinki. -- Reuter. Settlers advance Jewish settlers briefly occu-pied an East Jerusalem house

yesterday which they said

they had bought from its Arab owners, igniting fresh vio-lence. Guards hired by the

Ateret Cohanim settlement group broke into the house at dawn. — Reuter.

Legless 'robber' A legless man in a wheelchair furt armed with a stick. He was overwhelmed by customers after assaulting a wom-an. -- Reuter.

Panda zones

tion. — Reuter.

China is to set up 19 more

panda protection zones as part of a drive to save the en-

dangered species from extinc-

General accused

China's authorities have blocked the promotion of Gen-eral Qu Cong, after he was

accused of sexual harassment by a woman soldier, Chinese sources said. — Reuter.

The American astronaut

tis yesterday to end her six

months in the Russian space

Space link-up

station Mir - AP

**Losing control** A Swissair pilot passed out at

First Wives Club are over 50. Asked if he had been Several divorcees who have seen the film say it captures the feelings of worthlessness, anger and betrayal they experienced.

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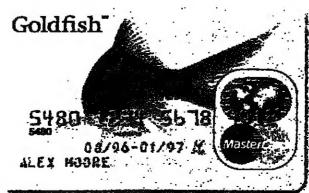
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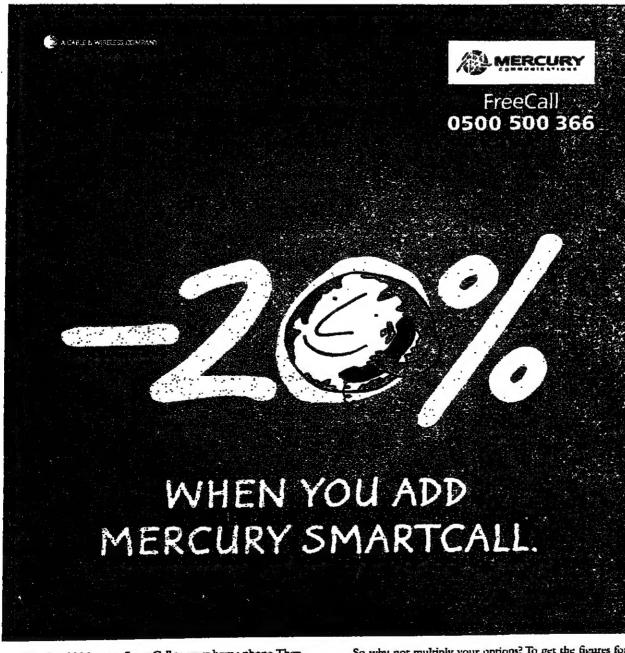
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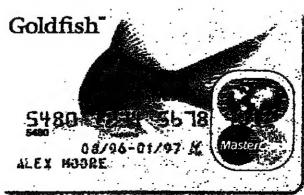
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great political questions of our time are bent on victory at Bournemouth have been laid starkly before us yet and on capturing the party from Mr again. The first is whether the Labour | Major within the next 12 months. Party wants power enough to accept Tony Blair's root-and-branch rewriting have to stir events over Europe this of its aims and values; the answer to that is "Yes, at least for the moment". The second, which exploded with renewed force yesterday, is whether the cient consensus on Europe to give it a chance of deserving to govern once again. The answer to that one, on yesterday's evidence, is "Not yet".

The idea that there has been, is, or could be a Conservative truce on Europe is fanciful. It would certainly be las Hogg have reopened the deal they desirable from a national point of view, but there is not the slightest sign of it. For one thing, outside events — like the timetable of European summits and the shameless. EMU-motivated fiddling of this appearement only encourages the the figures in the French Budget this Europhobes to up their demands. week - constantly work against any such aim. For another, this is a party in disequilibrium, which cannot simply decree itself to be at peace, however much it might wish it. The political calendar - the party conference, the election, the leadership question — constantly dictates the renewed taking of

Malcolm Rifkind didn't have to make a speech which has been widely asserted to be against the single currency this week. But he did it because he is thinking about the leadership if and when John Major goes. The six pro-European Tory grandees didn't have to take their stand against any rejection of the single currency this week. But they did so because they know what the Europhobes have got planned for the party conference — where they aim to bounce the party into an earlier referendum than the Government wants, or Europhobes could have kept quiet this | manage his destabilised party.

INSIDE the space of a week, the two | week too, except for the fact that they

Above all, the Government did not week. Yet it did so, especially over beef, because Mr Major recognises the im-Conservative Party can achieve a suffi- have thought, had been settled at Florence. But nothing can be settled where the European question is concerned because the Europhobes are not interested in settlements. They want a beef war as well as their demands on the single currency. So Mr Major and Dougstruck at Florence, in another vain hope that by throwing scraps to the pursuing dogs, the pack will lose its appetite. Unfortunately for Mr Major,

This is the context in which the massively belated heavyweight counter-attack on behalf of the Cabinet from the Grandee Six, as well as Sir Edward Heath's fresh blast last night. have to be seen. If Douglas Hurd means what he said at lunchtime yesterday. that the Tory pro-Europeans "are no longer going to shut up" then this is going to be a stormy autumn.

But what is the alternative? The Conservatives are in a continuing state of internal siege. The pro-Europeans, and even the Euro-pragmatists. can no longer pretend that masterly inactivity will guarantee that Britain stays in the fast changing European arena. From their point of view, internal party conflict is the lesser of two evils. The tragedy for the rest of us is that, all the while, whether over beef or the currency, this country's European policy and influence are daily being sacrificed even into outright rejection. Even the on the altar of John Major's attempts to



Whatever politicians contrive, it's never the Donne thing

IT IS ENCOURAGING to discover that | eation of the high moral ground - not John Major wants to fight the next merely the pretty conceit of a long-dead election on the high moral ground. It poet. is not somewhere like Lithuania or Leatherhead, where locations and boundaries are plotted in all respectable maps. The high moral ground as defined by politicians, unhappily, tends to mean little more than the ground

they find it convenient to occupy. On John Major's definition, the heart of the high moral ground is individuals' freedom to do as they choose. So cutting the share of national wealth that goes to the state is a moral action. Cutting the size of government to give people more scope to make their own choices, bringing down taxes, extending deregulation all these cherished Conservative tenets belong, by happy coincidence, on the high moral ground too. Others would draw their maps differently. For them, the high moral ground entails a commitment to treating all sections of our society equitably and decently. even if that sometimes implies that the prosperous may have to contribute more. Take the lines of John Donne: "No man is an island, entire of it self; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main: if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or thine own were": these, for them, are an indispensable part of any worthwhile delin-

would be even more encouraging were | Short of a kind of Ordnance Survey of there any general agreement about Ethics, no consensus will ever exist on where this ground is to be found. This the whereabouts of this territory. So if politicians are genuinely eager to set up camp on it, they might usefully start with more modest and practical tests. They might, for example, commit themselves not knowingly to tell lies about their opponents. Tony Blair is not a devil with staring red eyes. Michael Howard, even at Tory conferences, is not the reincarnation of Judge Jeffreys. Paddy Ashdown is not some kind of juvenile anarchist with secret designs on the monarchy or the liberalisation of banned drugs. There are even things to be said for Dr Brian Mawhinney. Let them also pledge to cost their opponents' promises on the basis of arithmetic which commands at least a measure of credibility with non-partisan observers. Let them promise not to pretend through the coming election campaign that issues like Europe and Northern Ireland are best left undiscussed - a pretence they maintained throughout the 1992 campaign. Let them turn aside from character assassination, and condemn it when it occurs in newspapers which support them. Should they make

and maintain such resolutions, and

others like them, we may begin to

believe that their dedication to the high

moral ground is real, and not just

contrived for PR purposes. Otherwise:

certainly not.

## Another one lost to the SFO

The answer? Specialist tribunals for complex cases

WHICH is worse: a long, drawn-out, 18- | Once more the Serious Fraud Office month complex fraud trial that exhausts jury, judge and the criminal justice process; or simpler, shorter and more focused prosecutions requiring defendants to face not one but two successive trials? The judiciary made its view clear after a marathon fraud case in the early 1990s that it did not want a repeat performance. Multiple charges and multiple defendants must be avoided. Accordingly, the prosecution severed and chopped up the Maxwell indictments into two separate parcels only for the jury to reject the first in January and the judge the second yesterday. In the words of Mr Justice Buckley, the presiding high court judge, the trial was sending out the wrong signal, namely that "the authorities have not accepted the verdict of a jury". Faced, as he saw it, with "an affront to fair play and decency", jus-

(SFO) and the jury system is under scrutiny. Yet the arguments which led to the creation of the SFO still stand. Only the naive - and fraudsters could want the work handed over to the criminal prosecution service. Complex fraud requires specialist teams. City investigators yesterday were speculating about the resurrection of specialist juries. But returning to a medieval institution — fishmongers trying people who sold bad fish - is not a solution. Remember, it was the judge who threw out this latest prosecution. Moreover, he did so with an inappropriate reference to the suffering of Kevin Maxwell's wife. He should have been more circumspect. If the plight of families was weighed, few suspects would ever go to trial. The SFO was set up by the Roskill committee, which also wanted specialist tribunals instead of tice required a stay to the proceedings. Juries. In reality, Roskill was right.



Letters to the Editor

## Pension scheming

September 17) is quite right. Pension reform is now a key issue for Labour. The thousands of pensioners who marched through London last weekend were not on their own. There were many more not-yet-pensioners only too well aware that their own retirement could find them in

even greater difficulty. That is why Paul Flynn's press conference was packed, why Barbara Castle and Peter Townsend's pamphlet is a best-seller, and why Labour will have to give more serious thought to the issue than it has so far. It is a concern not confined to today's pensioners but tomorrow's also That's a lot of votes. David Hughes. 42 Langroyd Road. London SW17 7PL.

HATEVER happened to the bright idea propounded by the Conservatives in the seventies that Sir Keith Joseph's reserve pension scheme should be fully

New "Labour"

ON Monday's Radio 4 Today programme. Tony Blair said that the word

"socialism" was no longer ap-

same day a Christian

propriate for New Labour. Or

Socialist talking on Stop the Week said that Tony Blair

has identified himself as a

Christian Socialist, Does this

mean that in future New

Labour will be known as the

WHY doesn't Kim Howells

relevance there - and his party would then be free to

adopt the obvious choice:

right, Society, September 18) paints the picture of the resis-

tance to environmentalism in a far more honest way than

other commentators who are

starting to notice that reac-

For some such commenta-tors, environmentalism is

dead. If that's the case, why the furore amid the armed

ranks catalogued by Rowell'

If the movement has failed

just why are so many right

wing organisations, from gov ernments to multinationals

declaring war on those who

would dare to fetter free

Aha! A global conspiracy?

Or am I just being paranoid? There is not so much a grass-

roots backlash as an orches-trated attempt by reactionar-ies to legitimise what it is they have always taken for

granted — their previously untouchable policies of irre-

Green activists should take

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Christian Party? (Dr) Dorothy Rowe.

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AVID Brindle (An acid | funded with contributions in- | a fifth Tory term? It is not the test for Labour, vested in equities? Like a me | Labour Party that has teor in the political firmament it disappeared out of sight. But if the private pensions industry can enjoy all the advantages of investment in the market, why not state pensions. The privatised utilities would afford a safe haven for contributions from the public sector, even if the Treasury and pension funds were hostile. John Burrows.

> THE reason Labour is not proposing to restore the pensions earnings link is because pensioners themselves have rejected the idea. Three times at general elections Labour has offered to restore the indexing of pensions and three times, as your Leader (September 13) acknowledges, pensioners have voted Tory

London SE9 1JE.

by a large majority. Would it not be perverse of when, because of the tax im-

Labour Party that has "ditched" pensioners but rather pensioners who have cut themselves admit by vot-ing on the basis of habit rather than published policy. Not even the Guardian can blame Labour for that. Name and address supplied.

THE party's document Se-curity in Retirement does not say that Labour would continue the Tory policy of price-indexing the basic pen-sion. It does say that Labour would not reduce this commitment", and that the basic pension "must play a role" in enabling pensioners to share fairly in rising national prosperity". To play such a role, the basic pension would obviously have to increase faster than prices.

Yet how much faster? Secu-rity in Retirement leaves that to be decided after the election. The party should have the courage to say so now.

Labour to repeat the offer | Tony Lynes. plications, the price would be | London SE5 &LE

factor and suggests nice things like seafood restaurants, white wine and lobster. followed, shortly after, by wohhly jelly.

ing out the word "Labour" in his party's name? Quite clearly, it no longer has any 3 Southfield Rise. Cheltenham.

HOW about "The Every thing to all People Party"? Don Newman. 377 Commonside East, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 1HF.

secret funding and cartel-style control of so-called

The Body Shop. Watersmead, Littlehampton.

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HE point of our new first-floor galleries is precisely

to show more portraits than we could previously, and bet-

ter (September 18). In partic-

ular, we have brought out a great number of portrait busts from storage, and have

supplemented the paintings with cases to show drawings

and photographs. Ruskin is

missing partly because the greatest portrait of Ruskin by Millais is in private hands.

Mrs Gaskell is in our displays

Charles Saumarez Smith.

at Bodelwyddan Castle.

National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place,

Director.

West Sussex BN17 6LS.

industry'

'VE thought for a while now that there was something eerily familiar about the case HE offensive word "Labour" is reminiscent of of T Blair and the quondam cloth caps, whippets and chips in newspaper, it is, moreover, in the context of Labour Party, but I couldn't quite place it. The headline on Martin Kettle's piece on birth, suggestive of pain and discomfort. My friend Clive, September 13 (He regards the party he leads as a failure, who drives a Volvo and is something in the City, says he reminded me. Of course: If the Labour Party is not wor-thy of Tony Blair, Tony Blair and his wife could never vote will have to elect a new party. for a party of that name. Mr Blair should just call his W L Webb.

organisation The Party, be-cause the word "party" imme-94 Park Hill,

ANDREW Rowell's excel-lent article (Armies of the secret funding and cartel

'green

Anita Roddick.

N its quest for aids to forget ting, Labour should consider calling itself "New Label". As a brand name, New Label Party sounds sufficiently like the old product to retain traditional consumers. while suggesting the lo-cal and lite image that is so essential in this new land of lost content. Patrick Kinnersly. West Wellow, Romsey.

Hants SO51 6BY. F Tony Blair is a Liberal (September 18) then I am a Phil Rimmer Chair, Liberal Party

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address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone number We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we canno acknowledge those not used.

### **Guerrilla war against greens** A good sport

OU merit a red card for I claiming that the Guardian is poised to "blow the whistle" on televising sports events (Home news, Septem-ber 17). BBC Television has substantially increased its investment in sports coverage in the last two years. This has led to the renewal of several long-term contracts from the Olympics. Open championship and Grand National to the World Athletics Championships, the Football World Cup and Commonwealth Games in 1998 and Euro 2000. This makes plain that the BBC will remain a major player in televised sport into the next century. Yes, the cost of sports rights is escalating and there are tough decisions to make on delivering value for money to viewers on a flat licence-fee income. But the quality and appeal of BBC sports coverage remain hugely valued by the British public and by most sports bodies and administrators.

Will Wyatt.

Chief Executive, Broadcast, BBC, Television Centre, Wood Lane, London W12 7RJ,

#### More on the frantic search for a little peace and quiet

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BORN TO BE WILLIE

PESPONSES to the admira-ble review by Henry Por-ter of growing pressures on leads to one house, a letter box and a small redundant the countryside (Crowded out, September 16) fail to rec-ognise that its future health is intimately related to that of our towns and cities.

What we have seen over recent years is the continued loss of countryside to urban development - over 11,000 hectares each year - and rising traffic levels as people and jobs move out of urban areas. To tackle these pressures we need to improve the quality of our towns and cities by encouraging invest-ment and redevelopment at the same time as safeguarding the countryside. This should not mean town cramming. Large areas of derelict and underused land and buildings exist in many urban areas and we can get much more out of the housing

that has already been built. Yet we will achieve little if we continue to plan on the basis of an extrapolation of past, unsustainable trends. New planning which seeks to change these trends through better protection for greenfield sites and positive investment in our urban areas is vital for the health of both town and country.

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NCREASINGLY pernicious is the noise from light aircraft, because these can dumn their pollution where so far the ordinary polluter cannot reach. This summer - from places as far apart as the Quantocks, the Northern Highlands, the Cotswolds, the little town of Dorchester-On-Thames — people have suf-fered their incessant buzz like that of some unswattable fly. If working-class youths on

motor-bikes contaminated neighbourhoods like these, the police would soon see them off. Yet these yuppy joy-riders of the sky contaminate the rural tranquility of thou-sands below without any kind of legislation to stop them. C V Jones. 27 Weymouth Court. Grange Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 6SH.

ENRY Porter's plea to revalue the countryside was read to the background noise of the Highways Department JCB cementing our very

own little tragedy.

This remote and leafy lane

Norman church.
The local authority has

duty to maintain paths, and let it not be said that it should fail. For 100 yards a brand new Tarmac path 1.2m wide (an EU standard path to cater for wheelchairs) gleams along the side of the lane. But worse, to keep in a strip of grass, the Highways Depart-ment has deep-kerb-lined the

path. It looks like Brookside. This little bit of countryside is a touch less remote and leafy, the cowslips which once flourished here will have gone, as will the aco-nites, together with a medi-eval boundary stone that was in the way. It cost around

£5,000. This is not a comment about mobility. Europe or road safety. But it is a comment on priorities. If we do not readdress them, especially at local level, Henry Porter's nightmare will cre closer. Charles & Caroline Kenyon.

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ENRY PORTER says that people have the right to tear around the Lake District in a powerboat. In fact, powerboats are allowed on juone of our many lakes, and even there you will generally find the landscape connected with the quiet of the sky", to quote a former resident. Chris Collier.

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AST summer I was in Yosemite, California, climb ing the track beside the Falls and I stopped for a rest at a viewpoint about two-thirds up the climb. There, overlooking the stupendous view, was someone yattering into a mobile phone. "Yea, it's a really great view, man, you'd hardly believe it, so quiet too . . .

On Saturday I was walking in the Lake District and sat down on top of Harrison Stickle, in the Langdales, for lunch. A few other people were also within 30 metres of so of us. Then, once again, came the familiar warble of a mobile phone. Could anyone suggest what can be done about these things? Michael Pidd.

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#### A Country Diary

NORTHUMBERLAND: Sum- | put paid to some of my mer is retreating. We now have a source of both field mushrooms and brambles within walking distance of the house, although meeting friends on the prowl I am evasive as to the whearabouts of the fungi. Autumn walks are a treat among the purples and gold of late summer, knapweed a foil for small greenish-white butterflies and the feding makes and the fading ranks of meadowsweet in the ditches. I love the cloying scent of wild honeysuckle in the air. This morning was spent decorating our 13th century church for Harvest Festival. Skilful hands transformed the motley profusion of flowers and foliage weeping from plastic buckets into attractive displays on stands, statutory, cornice and colonade. We work hard but there is a good deal of crack as well. Soon the mechanical hedge cutters will be snarling up our narrow country lanes. They are an economic necessity for keep-ing the place tidy but alarm-ing to meet when one is astride a horse and they have

favourite blackberry hedge rows. A cyclist told me that he suffered punctures through thorns and spears left on the highway by these machines but most contractors are considerate and try to catch the cuttings in the box provided. A local ornitho-logical group invited me to join them cleaning nest boxes in the Lyne Valley. This is a study area for various species: tawny owl, merlin. great and blue tit, pied fly-catcher, sparrow hawk and goosander. We listen for singing cock birds because our leader tells us that every vocal male means a pair. Oak leaves, dead grass, woodrush and tiny crustacean bits which have been discarded from consumed insects have to be cleared from the boxes and we used torches to inspect our housekeeping efforts. In one box which had been vacated by a tawny owl a brown long-eared bat had taken up residence. We could actually see the female hang-ing, one infant attached. VERONICA HEATH

#### Diary

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Matthew Norman

RIVAL has emerged to Harold Brooks-Baker, purveyor of the "Burke's World Book of . . ." series. He is HRH Prince Kevin of the Principality of Hutt River Prov-ince. "Special people," writes the Prince's bonds-man in Australia, Lord Peter Regensburg, to Pro-fessor Gerald Mars in Hampstead, "have taken notice of you, and want you to get what you really want . . .". For a £10 "administration fee", the pro-fessor was invited to buy a "Royal Award Certificate entitling him to be called G Mars, of the Principality of Hutt River Province". Harold Brooks-Baker is outraged. "Oh yes, I know all about Hutt, and it's com-plete nonsense," he ex-plains. "At least people who buy my World Book can get their money back, but where can people who are dissatisfied with Hutt go to complain?" How reassur-ing it is to see Harry coming

TTEMPTS to contact the psychic Sir Bernard Ingham (soon to be confirmed, we hope, as Diary astrologer) consis-tently fail. We tried to call yesterday about newspaper reports concerning how Pergie used to consult him regularly, calling him "Daddy" and sitting under his crystal "healing" pyra-mid for days on end. However, Bernie, a likely replacement for Mystic Meg on the Lottery, was driving to Huddersfield for a seance, and would not answer. We look forward to a nice chat early next week.

down so hard on charlatans

in his profession.

N OK! Magazine, Brandreth's Brainstorm is better than ever. This week, the Chester MP surpasses himself with a feature called Think Sideways. "The MacDonald family from Perth went on a skiing holiday one summer," poses Gyles. "The snow was good, the weather was cold, and soon after they got home it was Christmas. It's all true — but can you de-cide how?" If and when you can, try this: "A man fabled throughout the land for being an imbecile and wear ing clothes rejected as too facetious by Russell Grant is elected to serve in the Mother of Parliaments, It's all true - but can you decide how?

N the Spectator, wine waiter Taki-George tries to ingratiate himself with an old employer. Having poured champagne at Jemima Khan's wedding. T-G now devotes a long and rambling pidgin-English outpouring of hero worship to her father, Jimmy Goldsmith, and his hilarious Referendum Party. Some will find it cringeworthy. but not everyone. "He's rather sweet, in an oily sort of way," says one of Sir James's intimate circle. 'It's just that he's so desperate to suck up to us, he can get over-excited." Perhaps so, but perhaps T-G should consider whether, after its recent problems with neo-fascist supporters, what the Referendum Party really needs right now is the public endorsement of a convicted drug smuggler.

Sirom Millbank: Only Wegg-Prosses smashed his own rapid rebuttal world record. After the Hartlepool MP was pictured in a news-paper arriving for a party, Mandelson had been spotted on Wednesday night in the Ministry of Sound, a trendy London club, wearing only a gold lamé posing ponch and performing a solo rendition of the Birdy Song. Was this true? "No" said Oofy, in 0.517 seconds, murdering his previous world best — set at altitude, in Mexico City — of 0.625. 'He's the Michael Johnson of rapid rebuttal," says an awed fan. "It's hard to be-

WOMAN has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon after an incident on an in-terstate highway in Florida. Montrose Herbert told police that she fired her handgun when upset by a gesture from Joshua Lucas, 23, who pulled down his shorts and mooned at her from a truck. Mr Lucas has been charged with the lesser offence of lewd and lascivious conduct.

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## Private lives and public snapshots

## Commentary

#### Peter Preston

-AKE two loving couples in swimsuits, a millionaire's yacht on a steamy French Rivlera day, one angry Prime Minister's wife, and David Frost auditioning to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury: mix thoroughly, and what have you got? A monster migraine of a moral dilemn that's what

Mrs Norma Major, wife and fledgling author, put a num-ber of very sympathetic prop-ositions to Frost and his TV audience this week. Proposi-tion One: "I think anybody is entitled to an element of pri-vacy. I don't think the public has a right to know everything and be everywhere." Proposition Two: "Your house and your garden should be sacrosanct - or if you're doing something which is obviously private. And I think a holiday is obviously private." Proposition Three: "I think we could make a start with cameras. and the fact that they can take viously in their house or in their garden, which is clearly

private property."
Mrs Major was talking new legislation. She was also talking about three pages in the Sundsy Express last month with the front-page billing: "The Majors' holiday snaps". These were not big on John and Norma, relaxing with family in a "sumptuous yellow-painted villa hidden in the lush hills above the Bay of Cannes". But they made a meal of

daughter Elaine and boyfriend Luke having a sun-cum-canoodle session aboard the yacht of Lord Harris of Peckham (carpet-selling owner of lush villa) and matched it with pictures of son James and girlfriend Elaine similarly engaged. The captions to this pile of snatched, distant and unaware snaps were mini-tem-ples of tack. "Full cuddling is underway, she passive and receptive to his dominant mouth-to-mouth

resuscitation." You could see why mother Major was fed up. You might even instinctively agree that

Something Must Be Done. But and here comes the mi-

I had a tiny role in drawing up the editors' code which the Press Complaints Commission now polices. It generally rules out "intrusions or en quiries into an individual's private life without his or her private life without his or her consent". This includes "the use of long-lens photography to take pictures of people on private property" without that same consent. And it defines "private property" as "any private residence, together with its gardene and

together with its gardens and outbuildings, but excluding any adjacent fields or park-land and the surrounding parts of the property within the unaided view of passers-bur."

by".
What on earth was that all about? Basically that the ordinary home or garden was off-limits — but that if you hap-pened to be, say, the Duke of Edinburgh, fishing in a river on the Balmoral estate, 15 miles from your front door and in clear view from a pub-lic road, things got a bit more complicated. Was the Bal-moral estate "a garden"? Spe-cifically, if there was a "right to privacy", was that a right which could be indefinitely extended by wealth and ownership of land? The Duke the standard of the standard of the press complaints Commission examined 43 substan-

with his rolling acres; the or-dinary bloke with his potting shed patch. What kind of "right" was that? Mrs Major's problem is

similarly vexing. Her Run-tingdon home and modest garden, let's agree, should be lens-free. Lord Harris's yellens-free. Lord Harris's yellow pad, as temporary home, may arguably be the same (though French law is hugely different anyway). But the deck of a yacht in the bay? Is this conceivably "home"? Would other, passing boats have had an "unaided view" of that? Was it, in effect, merely the extension of a pubmerely the extension of a pub-lic beach? Was it (citing another bit of the code) more like a hotel bedroom than a hotel lobby or hotel landing?

Clearly not.

The code, of course, is self-regulatory, not legally binding. But any embryo law is bound to follow roughly the

They just want to be left alone. and have done nothing to deserve otherwise

same path, and grapple with the selfsame problems. Bar-risters, well-paid to endure such fresh challenges, are naturally enthusiastic to try. (How many times did the office call, m'lud, thus turning a straightforward holiday into a working week?) Those of us who don't relish such

tive cases in its last three-month report: only two con-

cerned privacy.

All this, though, does not quite meet the force of Mrs Major's wrath. She is upset because her children are upset. Are the sons and daughters of rubble records automate. set. Are the sons and daughters of public people automatically fair snapping game? I have a lot of sympathy for James Major, an M&S trainee manager who fell in love with a married woman. It happens all the time; it has nothing to do with his dad, even when delivering "morel" lactures delivering "moral" lectures to the nation. I have even more sympathy for Elaine Major, who just wants to live an ordinary life. These two aren't, for instance, Bob Dole's daughter, openly put-ting the family history on the line for her father at the Republican convention. They aren't the voluble children of Ronald Reagan. They just want to be left alone, and have done nothing to deserve

otherwise. But law? American legislation has one set of rules for the average citizen and quite different rules for politicians or film stars or public offi-cials. We (like Mrs Major) don't make that distinction: the privacy we envisage ex-tends equally to the extraordinary citizen, who is usually (best case) an MP hopping up and down, or (worst case) the Duchess of York. Remember: the toe sucked five years and sued over under French privacy law is umbilically connected to the writing hand that now causes her such

Mr Major isn't keen on leg-islation. He is right. Mrs Major is cheesed off about grotty snooping in a grotty world. She is right too. But these are twin tracks; and never the twain should meet.

ling all power, not just the power of the state. The aim is effective but minimum gov-

ernment. This means that lib-

erty must be protected by the state. as well as from the

state. As our party constitu-

tion says, people may be "en-slaved by poverty". That is

why we, in 1870, began the system of state education. It is why we, in 1906, began con-structing the welfare state.

Governments which are not willing to tax and spend when

the situation demands it can-

not defend liberty. I can see no evidence that Tony Blair

understands this. He is cur-rently embroiled in a mock auction with the Tories to see

who can offer the lowest level

of tax. That auction, if true, could well see the destruction

of the welfare state and public

services as we know them. The action of a natural Lib-eral would be to defend these

services first, cut taxes later.

To suggest otherwise shows a misunderstanding of Liber-

alism (and probably a misunderstanding of Tony Blair). His discomfort with devolu-

tion, coolness about electoral

reform and ambiguity about

the reform of the House of

Lords shows that he is a prag-matist with his own agenda,

at the top of which is his de-

heps "Blairism" will come next, but if so even the plot, let

an agenda, not a philosophy. Per-

sire to win the election.

## **Envy**, stupidity and malice in **Literary London**



Bel Littleiohn

HAT was it that Swift once said? I for-get, but when I wrote my new novel. Fluffy The Dolphin At Sea In Thatcher's Britain, I shared with Swift a fierce moral indignation at, as Thackeray put it, The Way

We Live Now.

In my novel, Fluffy the Dolphin becomes a junior doctor at one of the London teaching hospitals. Even at a time of crying need for young physicians, Fluffy finds himself discriminated against because he is imable to hold many of the fiddly tools of the doctor's trade in either of his flippers. Even though he has many superhuman skills — he can balance a bouncy ball on the end of his nose, he can make high-pitched squeaky noises, he can waggle his tail in the air whilst eating raw fish none of them is recognised by the narrow-minded powers-that-be in the hospital. So Fluffy the Dolphin finds himself thrown out on the bitter London streets, his bouncy

ball his only companion.

I wished to write a panoramic Victorian novel, the novel Dickens and Balzac would have written if only they'd thought of it first, a novel touching on several different London worlds. So Fluffy the Dolphin, rejected and alone, enters the world of London publishing, a vicious world where it is possible to slog your guts out writing two brilliant novels only for them to attract so-so reviews from critics too raddled with stupidity, envy and malice to recognise their true historic worth There Fluffy meets a colourful array of characters, to whom I have given some of my most inventive — and scorchingly

satirical! — names.

There is the devilishly suave editor Geoffrey Cheese-Sandwich, who is always eating - yes! - cheese sand-wiches. There is the famously acerbic triple-barrelled critic John Very-Bad-Acne, who, suffering from a major skin problem, takes it out on the new novels he is sent for review. There is Jasper Jolly fat, the overweight and sluggish publisher. And, finally, towering above these riff-raff as a figure of real moral and aesthetic stature, there is the saintly, complex, gorgeous and yet brilliantly talented but disgracefully under recog-nised — novelist Bella

Johnlittle. Believe me, I know how ambitious the project is: yet I have sat in operating theatres — a smashing sense of and taken notes on the demor-humour?

alisation of doctors and the suffering of patients while the doctors have attempted to revive the body upon which I happened to be sitting. Like my heroine, Bella Johnlittle, I have spent a great deal of time — something over 40 minutes — in a high-rise block. I have even travelled on one of London's "tube-trains", so as to be able to write with consummate accuracy about a "tube-train ride" from Piccadilly Circus to

Stonehenge. What was it that Juvenal once said? I forget, but he or, indeed, she would have been astonished at the international uproar that has greeted my courageous literary satire. I was expecting both more laughter and more serious augner and more serious critical response, given my astonishing achievement at having completed this massive post-Victorian novel, with something over 250 words per page. What I certainly did not expect was a same the base of the critical serious critical serious and the complete was a serious critical response. veritable barrage of ava-

lanches as long as my arm.

Do the small-minded pur veyors of gossip and tittle-tattle have no notion of the genesis of creation? Literary London, in its characteristically solipsistic way, is doing nothing but talk about me. Do they honestly not realise that there is a larger world beyond them? Those many millions who are discussing Fluffy The Dolphin At Sea In Thatcher's Britain in pubs, clubs, sitting-rooms and debating-chambers the length and breadth of the country will surely be left wondering quite how self-im-portant and self-obsessed Lit-erary London can be. Con-trary to the acres of newsprint — two paragraphs in Private Eye, not to mention one in this newspaper and another THREE in the pub-lisher's catalogue — I must declare that the characters are all products of my — per-haps over-vivid! — imagination.

Y dashing character John Littlebell is a John Littlebell is a rogue and, like all rogues, gets my most star-tlingly witty lines. Most women who have read the proofs — that's myself and quite a few others, including me — think he is an extraordinarily attractive and brilliant creation. Indeed, I must confess I am a little in love with him myself!!! Contrary to vicious rumour, my character Jasper Jollyfat, the publisher who ends up decapitated in a car-crash having first been castrated with a blunt instrument, is not based on my ex lisher Jasper Jollphatt. For one thing, his surname is spelt quite differently, and for another he rarely wears a hat.
So why all the fuss, guys?
Why not just sit back and enjoy a great satire on pride and self-importance, written have gone to every length to by a self-deprecating woman research its different worlds. I with — though I say it myself



## Bye bye S-word

Whatever Tony Blair has become he is certainly no Liberal, argues Alex Carlile. Otherwise he would have a philosophy, not just an agenda

no longer a socialist party appears finally to have dawned on the majority of political commen-The move away from socialism, started by Neil Kinnock, has continued un-abated with Tony Blair. Kim Howells, who has trotted from Trotsky via canapės with Kin-nock to Beaujolais with Blair. has merely spoken the words of the new political correct-

HE notion that the cies which had for genera-tions been the bricks and mortar with which Britain's socialist party claimed it would build the new Jerusalem — comprehensive state education, progressive taxation as a method of redistri-buting capital, public expenditure to bolster the welfare state — have evaporated as the Labour Party puts pursuit of electoral success before the

old socialist Elysium. If there were any doubts, last week's mischievous dec-

one kills off a social and eco-nomic theory is beyond me) should have put paid to them. It's officially leaked — social-

However, with socialism still not cold in the ground, a mad scramble has ensued to find a new label to pin to Tony Blair and the new Labour Party. Alas, many commentators have fallen into the predictable trap of calling him a Liberal. It is a crude analysis based on noth-ing more than a belief that, as the good ship Labour moves starboard, its next port of call must surely be Liberalism. Nonsense. Tony Blair is still as far from being a Liberal as

Liberalism has always been about the pursuit of equality ness — goodbye to the S-word. larations by able Labour hail fellow capitalists and well met Clause 4 and poli-

he is from socialism.

would "humanely kill off" its links with the trade unions and socialism (though how the erosion of local governthe erosion of local govern-ment, the imposition of statecontrolled unaccountable quangos and agencies, and the consistent undermining of Parliament, Margaret Thatcher accumulated the power she needed to carry out much of her programme. The instinct of a natural Liberal is to reverse this pro-

cess by making the quangos and agencies more accountable, rejuvenate local govern-ment, and reform Parliament so that it can fulfil its role as the people's protection against the power of the state. Tony Blair does not share this instinct. He appears to admire Margaret Thatcher for her "strong government". A natural Liberal would choke on such a notion because Thatcher's strength was synonymous with the shortcomings of our democracy. Liberalism is about control-

alone the script, has yet to be written. If the time comes, we in the Liberal Democrats will listen to that agenda and judge it, as Liberals, on its merits, point out its weak-nesses and support its strengths — just as we have with every other government. It may be true that we shall be listening more often to ideas with which we are comfort-able. Yet this will not be because New Labour has ideologically metamorphosed into Liberalism, but because the practical imperatives of mod-ern politics will have led to a convergence of ideals in the centre ground. As to the the political realignment, that discussion awaits an intima-tion of philosophy.

Next week in Brighton we Liberal Democrats shall dis-cuss our own distinctive agends. Among other issues, we shall discuss the improve-

law and order: the protection of the environment; and we shall develop our ideas for the creation of a strong and stable economy. Running through the veins of our conference. detectable in every motion and on the lips of every speaker, will be modern Lib-eralism. It is founded on the traditions of the Liberal Party and bolstered by ideas that led to the inception of the SDP. Liberalism is not there because of electoral expedi-ency or the bankruptcy of an alternative ideology; it is there because it is an instinctively understood principle and philosophy which lies in the heart of everyone who is a

ment of our education system;

genuine Liberal Democrat.
Or perhaps I'm being unfair
to Labour? Perhaps on a wall
in a locked room in John
Smith House there is a topsecret agenda for urgently needed political and social reform? Perhaps the pragma-tists have a strategy for the

election only, under the slo-gan "lie now, pay later"? I just pray that they don't lose the key to the room. Or does Tony Blair, by sleight of hand, hope to find it in Paddy Ashdown's back pocket on the day after the election? A borrowed philosophy would be better than none at all.

Alex Carlile is Liberal Democrat



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LOYD TURNER, who has died of a heart attack aged 57, was well endowed with all qualities that make a essful tabloid editor. He eded myself at the Dally as night editor.

Turner was my obvious

Turner was my obvious choice as a replacement when I quit the Daily Star in a fit of pique. Victor Matthews. Trafalgar's boss at the Express group, was determined that I should stay in Manchester looking after the fledgling Daily Star. I was equally determined to get back to my proper job as editor of the Daily Express. That was the end of my career, too.

Turner was quite happy to be in Manchester. He had

worked on the Manchester Evening News as an indus-

trial reporter after arriving in Britain from Australia's New-castle Morning Herald on a

Commonwealth Press Union

scholarship in the mid-1960s. At the Daily Star, he started

bum man," he claimed - and

sustain the paper's support for Labour that I had insisted

upon. The honeymoon was

most of the others, the Daily

Star was hailing Margaret

Thatcher as the saviour of

the nation. Victor Matthews's

peerage was already in the

editor. It was my secret weapon and proved the most

successful circulation gim-

months, we were selling

1,250,000 copies a day. By the

time Turner arrived in 1960,

the Sun and the Mirror had got the message. Prize money went through the roof. It was a price the Express board

would not pay. The Star's

circulation has been sliding

As Lloyd Turner always said with a rueful laugh: it's

tough at the top in tabloid

Lloyd Turner, journalist, born

October 2, 1938; died September

John Whitehead, former

ambassador to Japan. 64:

Fred Winter, National Huni

ever since

newspapers.

12, 1996

Derek Jameson

end of my career, too.

**Lloyd Turner** 

those qualities that make a

succeeded myself at the Daily

Star in 1980. A tough, out-

spoken Australian with

strong newspaper credentials,

he went into battle against the Sun and Daily Mirror with great gusto and looked

set to survive longer than

most of his contemporaries. Sadly the combination of good luck sound judgment and peasant cunning that is essential in our surreal world

ran out for him one sleepy Sunday afternoon in 1987.

The Star "lifted" the splash in that day's News of the World, implying that Jeffrey Archer had paid £2,000 to a prostitute. Monica Coughlin. In the Now, the story had

been presented as conjecture;

the kind of piece we tend to run under headlines such as

"Evil tongues are wagging" The Daily Star's story fool

ishly turned rumour into sup

To compound the error

Turner persuaded Express

Newspapers to fight the case.

The "fragrant" Mary Archer gave evidence for her hus-band. It cost the Daily Star

£500,000 in damages and £700,000 costs. Lloyd Turner parted company with Lord Stevens shortly after. He had

been in the job seven years.

As frequently happens in such cases, Turner had not

seen the offending story in ad-

vance. He was off duty that Sunday afternoon. But the

editor always carries the can

posed fact.

## Tennessee's lost sister

years ago, when a surgeon removed part of her brain and gave her a less troubled but drastically reduced life. That was the moment when this almost pathologically shy but subtly pretty young woman heard a door slam on her future. But she lived on, and not without a sense of baffled happiness, to die in early September at the age of 86. Thanks to her brother Ten-

nessee, with whom she had always felt a close bond, she lived a reasonably contented life. She was showered with presents and treated to excursions from the mental hospital in New York State, where she lived, by a man who felt vaguely guilty for her suffering and saw in her a version of himself: assailed, fragile, vulnerable. He felt guilty both because he recalled his impatience with her and because he moved on into another world as she could not.

Tennessee Williams and his sister were close friends as children, entering into a conspiracy against the real. Raised first in Mississippi and then St Louis. Missouri. neither felt able to function fully in a world that seemed implacable in its demands.

An attempt was made to launch Rose as a debutante. She was to be the southern belle her mother imagined herself once to have been. It was not a success. Later, with the Depression biting, she was encouraged to go out to work. She lasted a day, retreating into a tollet from which she had to be coaxed by



She sent Tennessee (above) a message, as accurate as it was disturbing: 'Tell Tom I love him; he stole my heart away in the dark ages'

menagerie of glass animals kept in her room, itself painted white to keep out the dark. Eventually, in 1943, at 34, she was diagnosed as suffering from dementia precox and a prefrontal lobotomy was performed.

Tennessee went on to suc-- and failure; his sister stayed frozen in time. Yet their relationship somehow survived it all. She sent him a message once, as accurate as it was disturbing: "Tell Tom I love him so much; he stole my

person I have known". a "dear little sister" who "deserves a crown in heaven". A play he worked on for the last decade and more of his life (Out Cry) featured a brother and sister trapped together in a theatre with no audience other than them-selves, clinging to one another in their isolation. It was portrait of Rose and himself, a portrait of Rose and Himsen, still conspiring against the real, immured, as he liked to say, against the rush of time.

Rose and Tennessee were alike, and not merely because the too, spent time in a mental institution as did his mother.

institution, as did his mother. A symptom of her illness was to deny and fear the process of ageing. It was a fear central to his life and work. Both were deeply shy, both found in their imagination or fantasies respite from those things that disturbed them. Her fan-tasies were seen as pathologi-

Rose moved in and out of lucidity. She thought herself the Queen of England and be-lieved she had given birth, yet she could read menus in French, loved clothes and jewellery, and was shrewd enough to claim that she, a chain-smoker, could not read the Surgeon General's health warning on cigarette packets. Rose haunts Williams's plays. She is there in The Glass Menagerie and A Streetcar Named Desire, in which Blanche, finally overwhelmed by reality and terrified of mortality, is led to a mental hospital where her fantasies might protect her. She is there, too, in Suddenly Last Summer in which Williams saves the heroine from the fate suffered by his sister, a

belated attempt to explate his



moment of need. He was not so much plundering her life for material as paying homage to a woman with whom he associated himself so completely that in his final note to her he signed not his own name but hers. She had, to his mind, survived "in the snake pit" and he believed he knew what that meant, having been there himself. Her very name echoes through his work.

Rose has achieved a kind of immortality through his writing, as has he, and in that sense both have cheated the on rush of time they so tively written her epitaph for.

feared. She was not, however. a character in a play but a woman, damaged, in recoil from a world she saw as threatening, but living on with that odd blend of obliviousness and knowledge, fear and courage, humour and despair which characterises more than those who have felt the surgeon's knife. No lying

battle to the end. Though she outlived him by 13 years, he had already effec-

in state for Rose Williams.

just the knowledge that a sur-

vivor continued her lonely

damaged soul who nonethe-less showed an "incluctable grace and purity of heart". And if she thought herself the Queen of England, who was to say that she did not possess the real sign of nobility for, as he said. 'high station in life is earned by the gallantry with which appalling experiences are survived with grace"

Christopher Blgsby

and, of course, he must have known what his paper was putting on the front page. Rose .sabe! Williams, born November 19, 1909; died Turner never came back after that. Those of us in Fleet

Street who knew him well grieved for another casualty in the tabloid war, a good man done wrong. He was briefly editor of the Daily Post, Eddy Shah's sequel to Today. The paper died in infancy and there were no mourners. For a time he worked behind the scenes as a production executive on Today itself. More recently he

was hoping to return to news-

papers at the Daily Mail. He spent the "resting" years raising prize cattle on his farm in Kent. alongside his devoted third wife, Jill Knight, herself a former Daily Express night news editor. It was Jill who virtually saved Turner's life in earlier days when he was knocking back — or so he once told me two bottles of Scotch a day. She managed to persuade him Orchestra concerts which to go on the wagon and he never looked back.

> Knowing nothing of his boozy past, this powerful Aussie who spoke such good sense about newspapers soon caught my eye when I arrived from the Daily Mirror to breathe new life into the sinking Daily Express. There was talk of him upsetting the

leader, jazz musician. 69:

Geoffrey Dear, HM Inspec-

tor of Constabulary, Mid-

lands, 59; Deborah Dey, dan-

cer, 32; The Very Rev

George Earle SJ, Jesuit leader, 71; Mike Hall, Labour

MP. 44; John Harle, saxo-

phonist, 40; The Rt Rev Colin

James, former Bishop of

Winchester, 70; Lt-Gen Sir

Garry Johnson, chair, Inter-

national Defence Advisory Board to the Baltic States, 58;

Sophia Loren, actress, 62; Anne McIntosh, Conserva-tive MEP, 42; Jane Manning,

soprano, 58; Christine Oddy, Labour MEP, 41; Maggie Rae, lawyer, chair, Fabian Society, 47; Alan Simpson,

Birthdays

Sir Jeremy Child, actor, 52; Labour MP, 48; Joe Temper-David Cregan, playwright, ley, jazz musician, 67; Sir David Cregan, playwright, 65: John Dankworth, band-

**Death Notices** 

In Memoriam

may be Paul. Yes, indeed, you

can control a fully functional

robotic hand. Provided that

you believe that the only function for hands is waving

This high quality hand rep-lica was made with the finest

of posterboard. It is mounted

on a hobby servo motor. You

can select one of four differ-

ent sizes of waves. Click here to start waving.

Thank you for your wave.

I've carefully observed the cats' reaction to the hand.

Master will stare at it when it

moves, the other three cats,

Joe Elsby Martin

## Champion of the heavyweights

many great personalities, there is someone who first inspired and tutored them. For tennis player Arthur Ashe, it was a black dentist in his home town of Richmond, Virginia. For Muhammad Ali, aka Cassius Clay, it was a white cop in his home town of Louisville, Kentucky, Joe Elsby Martin, who has died aged 80. As a director of the gramme for 40 years, Martin, who would be inducted into the Amateur Boxing Hall of Fame in 1977, was one of those rare characters around boxing who laboured for love.

Although the boxing pro-gramme he developed and integrated, by bringing black fighters into the gym, would produce three world champ-ions — Muhammad Ali, Jimmy Ellis and Greg Page, all black — Martin never deserted the amateur ranks. He preferred to continue introducing youngsters to the art of pugilism while supporting himself on a policeman's salary for 34 years.

The collaboration with All began one rainy night in 1954, When a skinny 12-year-old Cassius Clay came up to Martin crying that his bike had been stolen while he attended an African-American trade fair in the racially segregated milieu of Louisville.

Clay had sought out Martin, who was attending the fair to give boxing lessons, because somebody told him that Martin was a cop. As Martin filled out an accident report, a weeping and enraged Cassius threatened to "whup" who-ever stole his bike. So Martin

Jackdaw

Rocked souls

invited to the new youth

"I WAS following the Lord

wholeheartedly until we switched churches and I was

group. I had a conviction against rock music, but as I

was surrounded by it, my be liefs were corrupted. This

music eventually led to rebel

lion and moral failures. The

Lord has gained victory in

my life now, but the music

still brings on rebellion if I listen to it. Please get rid of

this music and play melodi-

A Fifteen-Year-Old Student

'Christian rock' had made

ous, harmonious music!"

From Pennsylvania

me a shallow, rebellious



The collaboration with Ali (above) began one rainy night in 1954, when the skinny 12-yearold came to Martin crying that his bike had been stolen

start challenging people that you're going to whup. From this sprang a relationship which led to a gold medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics where Martin was a boxing coach with the American team and Clay won the light heavyweight gold medal.Clay went on as a professional to become the only man to win the world heavyweight cham-pionship three times. In the process, he would change his name to Muhammad Ali, beever stole his bike. So Martin suggested: "Well, you better learn how to fight before you ism in the 1960s and the best

young Christian. It made it

easy for me to get into regular rock music. When I finally

submitted to God and got the

rock music out of my life, I was able to see the double standard that is lived out by

'Christian rock' musicians.

praise God and it is worse than

regular rock because I think it is hypocritical. Rock is wrong

and addictive and has contrib

Student From Indiana "I began to listen to 'Christian

rock' without the blessing of

listened to 'Christian rock' it would open the door for Satar I just laughed, and listened anyway. It totally deadened

my Christian growth and led to terrible immorality, rebel

lion, and rejection of God. It then developed into secular, hard rock. Now all I can do is

pieces. But I still have a scar in my life that will never be

removed." A Sixteen-Year-Old Student

go back and pick up the

my father. He told me that if I

uted to my moral failure. I praise God for His belp in

releasing me from it." An Eighteen-Year-Old

'Christian rock' does not



known athlete in the world. Martin soon recognised the traits in Clay that would carry him to immortality in the squared ring. "I guess I taught a thousand boys to box," Martin says, "or at least tried to teach them. Cassius Clay, when he first began coming around, looked no better or worse than the major ity. If boxers were paid bonuses on their potential like ball players are, I don't know if he would have received one. He was just ordinary, and I doubt

" 'Christian rock' has hin-

dered my life because the only

difference between 'Christian

rock' and secular rock is the

words. The beat, rhythm, and the melody are not different;

they are the same. It does not matter whether I listen to sec-

ular or 'Christian rock', when

the songs are over, I feel the same, I feel an emptiness in

my soul, a heavy burden. Ever 'Christian rock' sometimes

makes me feel like going out

hurting someone else if they provoke me, and that is

against all of God's teachings

and everything God stands

for. So get rid of all rock!!!"

A Twenty-One-Year-Old Student From Michigan

Never can the the creators of

Christian rock have thought in

was going to cause such moral

ids.html. Thanks, L. Marshall.

A CORNISH council is using

high-powered water pistols to scare off scavenging gulls.

a hundred years their music

devastation. Further testimo

nies are at http://www.a-

v1611.org/crock/crock-

Bird games

and getting rowdy or even

have thought much of him in his first year. About a year later, though, you could see that the little smart Alec - 1 mean, he's always been sassy - had a lot of potential. He stood out because he had more determination than most other boys, and the speed to get him some place...He was easily the hardest worker of any kid I ever taught."

Muhammad Ali remembers how he began his quest in school "Sometimes I'd pretend they were announcing whether any scout would my name over the loud | 14, 1996

Carrick Council's head of

Hewitt, said the move fol-

weapons discouraged cats and dogs and might also be

effective on gulls. Harmless games for the Cor-

nish council. Country Life

pigeons, so Karl Rademacher came up with the obvious

answer: a birth control pill

for female pigeons. Gerhard Engelmann of the Berlin

health commission looked at

the methods used by other

cities before deciding to use Rademacher's pill. The pill.

consists of plastic encased

hormones coated in corn-meal. As pigeons don't have

teeth, the pill is swallowed whole. Male pigeons are un-affected (they don't develop a high pitched coo) and if the

females eat too many, they

cause their stomachs are so

small, Rademacher estimates

simply cough them up be

eat one pill every three

disguised as a kernel of corn.

Bird control

BERLIN has too many

environmental health, John

lowed a suggestion that water

speaker system, saying Cassius Clay, heavyweight champion of the world... Joe Martin was the man who started me in boxing...I trained six days a week and never drank or smoked." Joe Elsby Martin, discoverer and first tutor of Muham mad Ali, is survived by his wife Christine, his son and his granddaughter.

Playthell Benjamin

Joe Elsby Martin, boxing coach born 1916; dled September

months to prevent them con-

ceiving and expects his pill

will cut Berlin's pigeon num-bers by half. In the Kreuzberg

area alone there are over 600

pigeons, known to the locals

as "flying rats". Every three months for a year, £17,000

worth of pills will be spread in Kreuzberg.
If the campaign fails, maybe
they will try condoms. More
birds getting battered.

reported in the New Scientist

Pam's insight

birthday party. We're all

When we get there we get

dressed up and pack all the baby things into the truck.

everything out of the truck

and there's Ronald Reagan and there's four rows of kids

poodle in every row spaced between the kids, on the diag-

onal. And they were all line

watching the entertainment.

girl that looks like you." So he leaves. I zoom in on Ronald

dancing. I'm sitting there

and Tommy goes. "I'll be right back. I'm gonna find s

like four by four. There's a

I DREAMT that Tommy was

taking me to Ronald Reagan'

#### Les Burns ........................

LES BURNS, who has died aged 53, became chairman of the Barrow-in-Furness leisure services committee at a time when a national newspaper had labelled the borough a cultural desert. Burns changed that perception and the town.

A one-room museum was replaced by the Dock. a unique multi-functional facility which reflected the area's proud shipbuilding and industrial past. At the town civic centre Forum Twenty Eight now provides a concert and cinema venue. Through Burns, the committee backed sell-out Hallé brought to a transport warehouse music never per-

shop steward - and sometime branch secretary -- for the boilermakers' union. which merged into the GMBATU. When the television documentary Postcards from the Edge showed the effects of redundancy on people who had given years of service, Les Burns, a skilled and respected craftsman, was one of the orkers featured.

great energy.

formed in the area. Les Burns had been on the council for 17 years, and a champion for the people he represented. For more than 30 years, he was a plater at the local Vickers shipyard (later VSEL), as well as a

Burns was a socialist, fiercely committed to social justice. He leaves his wife Ann — also a Labour coun-cillor and chair of Cumbria's social services committee three children and three grandchildren. He provided wise counsel - and gave

John Hutton MP Barrow-in-Furness

mpersonator.

Les Burns, local councillor, born September 6, 1942; died August 25, 1996

Reagan and realise he's an

Oh, my God, he's left me in

## a mental institution with all my baby stuff. So I go running outside and I see four rows of women naked from the waist down praying to Buddha. I go, "Excuse me, is there any way I can get a cab here?" And they go, "Well, the men's cabs to the right

and the women's to the left and there's no cabs going to

Like a dream . . . The Face

the left, so I think women can't get a cab today." So I go inside and there's Anna Nicole on an IV. I go. "Do you need me to break you out of here?" And she goes, "I can't, I'm a ward of the state." So I'm like, oh my God, I really am in a mental institution.

I go outside again and I see

this really tiny lego car com-ing towards me. I'm trying to open the door really carefully cause I don't want to break it, and I'm trying to get in and my stomach's too big. I look inside and there's Tommy in the front, and he goes I'm going to break you out of here! Ya know what, I didn't really want to find another girl that looks like you. I just wanted to go party with my friends for a while — come on, get in." And then I woke up. Pamela Anderson's dream. which she wanted to be printed as then people would know everything they needed to know about her. The Face

Cat control WAVE TO THE CATS

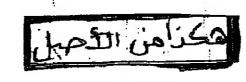
Note: If there are no cats in the room, your only audience

Callie, Mutant and Katrina, just ignore it. This hand is connected to the basic stamp on Paul's desk. Bored, then go back to Paul's Home Page.

Where you can either check the temperature of his fridge or his bath tub! Paul's Home Page is

at www.ham.judo.com/ Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4866; Jackdaw. The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.

**Emily Sheffield** 



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The price is right at the factory gate, page 12

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## Finance Guardian

## OFT acts on pension fiasco

## 'Rising unease' at sales methods

HE OFFICE of Pair far-reaching in-quiry into personal pensions yesterday, as the industry continues to drag its heels over compensating people who were hood-

winked into leaving their company pension schemes. The inquiry will look at the £2 billion mis-selling scandal. where up to 1.5 million people may have been disadvantaged by taking out a personal pension, and what can be done to boost consumer confidence in the financial services

Its report, scheduled for publication in the first half of next year, is expected to

**Biggest** 

store

raises

and cry

Pauline Springett

sees guests flock

HE world's largest!

Benetton store was opened yesterday in London's Oxford Circus by

company president Luciano Benetton, with help from a flock of multi-coloured

sheep.
The opening ceremony, symbolic of Benetton's idio-

syncratic and controversial

advertising campaigns — involved Mr Benetton pay-

ing tribute to the sheep, which had arrived by taxi

and an open-top Rolls

Speaking in Italian, he described the sheep — which had been coloured

blue, green yellow and blue

with vegetable dye — as "very efficient suppliers

who even work on Christ-

mas Day". Benetton is the

world's largest consumer of

Same attitude

Death Nation

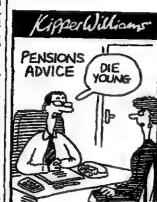
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to Benetton's

new megastore

hue

nancial regulators and the



also increasing unease about pensions products and the selling methods employed by the industry.

"We will be looking at the broader picture — at the innate weaknesses in the system which allowed mis-selling and at classes or types of the system. We want to establish the system when the system was to establish the system. industry on how pensions. We want to estab-

> ences consumer choice." Two years into the review of mis-sold personal pensions, redress bas been offered to only a handful of victims. Many are teachers, nurses, miners and other public sector workers who were per-suaded by insurance sales-men not to join their employer's pension acheme.
> Pigures published in April

lish what happens at the

general of the OFT, said: "At a time when consumers are having to become more proac-tive in the way they provide

for their retirement, there is

### The 1.5m potential victims

More than 10 million people are members of company pension schemes, with the vast majority belonging to final salary achomes. They can expect to receive two-thirds of their final salary as a retirement income after 25 years of

to switch from a company pension acheme to a perspension, despite the generally superior benefits and

cant in 1995 after the obbicle as

show that only 28.7 million has so far been paid in compensation, to just 7,000 vic-tims. The total compensation bill is estimated at £2 billion.
But the OFT said the timing
of its inquiry should not be
taken as a reflection of its dissatisfication with the pace of the review, nor with the PIA

Board, despite widespread criticism of the way they have handled the debacle. OFT officials will also investigate design flaws in per-sonal pensions which disadvantage the self-employed and women who take career breaks. They said the inquiry would also include compariand the chief regulator, the sons with the pension indus-

tries of other countries. The TUC, which has campaigned vigorously on behalf of its members for speedier redress, welcomed the OFT's inquiry.

Pensions officer Joanne Segars said: This has been one of the biggest financial scandals of all time. It would have been helpful if the OFT had done this some time ago." John Denham, the Labour Party's spokesman on pen-sions, said: "We would wel-come any initiative which would push forward the review. Up to this point, the Government has shown scant interest in the progress of the review and has not seemed to give it the priority it de-serves."

But Standard Life, one of the biggest providers of per-sonal pensions, expressed its concerns. "If the OFT exercise clears the air, that's fine. says there are a lot of prob-lems with the industry, I would feel very unhappy." said general manager (marketing) John Hylands.

## Maxwell's web remains tangled



another jury through a second lengthy pension fraud trial does not draw a thick black line under the most colourful financial scandal of the 1990s. Instead, it reopens the long-running debate about the future of the Serious Fraud Office, the use of juries in complex fraud cases and the whole structure of regula-tion and justice in the City. In much the same way as crimi-nal insider trading cases are now virtually never brought. because the burden of proof is too high and the evidence regarded as too complex for juries, so the SFO has, in ef-fect, become shy of high-profile prosecutions.

Moreover, while Pandora Maxwell was clearly able to convince Mr Justice Buckley, with some justification per-haps, that she and her family had been subjected to what the Americans might call cruel and unusual punish-ment, the public pillorying of the good Maxwell name is not over yet. While the wheels of justice have been slowly grinding along, other inqui-ries related to the Maxwell affair were put on hold: expect them now to spring back to life. Of these, plainly the most important is the full-scale DTI inquiry into the hype sur-rounding the flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers in May 1991 — a last desperate attempt by the late swindler Robert Maxwell to keep his foundaring empire affoat.

In this investigation findter and chartered accountants might well result in new efforts to bring prosecutions. In addition, the Commons Social Security committee intends to press ahead with its interrupted inquiry and there is the possibility that the younger Maxwells' new business careers — selling satellite television to the Russians - could be curtailed by DTI action to disqualify them as

S ALWAYS on these occasions, the SFO can be expected to take the flak. To a certain extent it should. against the Maxwells was seen universally as flaccid. ever, it decision to atomise the charges — so as to spare the jurors the multiplicity of complex charges seen in the unsuccessful case against the Blue Arrow defendants — was viewed as sensible. The SFO's choice in coming forward with a second group of charges against Kevin Maxwell may have been aberrational, but was a choice left open by the decision to hold back in the first instance.

come gun-shy. Nowhere was this more evident than in the case of the prosecution of Bar-ing trader Nick Leeson, when the SFO was quite happy to sit on its hands and let the more summary justice system

in Singapore do its stuff.

The current spin from the SFO, of which there was plenty as Mr Justice Buckley prepared to do his stuff, is that as prosecution authority it has done much better with medium size rather than huge fraud cases. And this, unrecognised to the public, was where successes have been.

HIS begs the question as to who will prosecute serious fraud if the SFO bas become less confident of the big City cases, of which there is still no shortage. One solution being floated by the SFO is higher quality juries, containing the likes of bank managers, accountants and business experts. That is fine except panels of such people, which existed before 1970 but were abolished, might not be that easy to find because of professional work commitments. This incidentally is a shift anyway for the SFO which until recently was arguing in public for the Roskill Commission proposals of a smaller panel of adjudicators sitting with a judge, rather than jury trial.

There is a great deal of in-terest in the City, particularly at the Stock Exchange which is responsible for much monitoring of share price move-ments, in building a stronger edifice of civil law -- administered through an all-powerful Securities and Investments Board — which could provide more efficient summary justice and engage in the kind of plea bargaining which is characteristic of the US sys-tem of financial justice.

A greater emphasis would also be put on financial restitution which would mean that the assets and future earnings sion funds, could be attached and sequestered to pay back victims. In the Maxwell case, it has never fully been determissing £400 million, which was not fully dissipated in propping up Maxwell commer-

cial enterprises.
In some respects, it would have been unjust had Robert Maxwell's sons been forced to carry all the burden of their father's wrongdoings. As was disclosed in the first trial and since, he was a bully who was hard to resist. But whereas his sons may have found this difficult to deal with. City institutions have a duty to be more wary. That is why the outcome of the DTI inquiry is the more

fascinating.

As well as looking at the antics of the Maxwells, it will be looking at the behaviour of those who sponsored the issue. The merchant bank Samuel Montagu (now swallowed up within the HSBC group) and Smith New Court (the Rothschild offsboot) which is now part of Merrill Lynch. Other advisers will also be scrutinised.

The DTI report offers the last best chance of genuinely understanding the mysteri-What is more worrying ous and frenetic dealings than George Staple and the SFO pounding on, is the grow-well's death five years ago. ous and frenetic dealings

'We would have ended up ex-

posed, the contingent lease

liabilities would have rested

Mr McAdam said it was too

early for any fresh offers to have been received and he

refused to confirm that Signet

would deifinitely still want to

sell. "We are not without our own initiatives," he said, al-

though he declined to

with Signet."

elaborate

## Sumitomo's copper rigging bill up by 50pc

wool.

The Benetton megastore lines, systems and fabrics.

Ccupies a 17,000 sq ft site The shop will also have ex-

Paul Morphy

UMITOMO Corporation the Japanese conglom-erate whose chief copper trader, Yasuo Hamanaka rigged the world market in the metal for a decade, admit-ted yesterday that the bill for the debacle has risen by almost half to \$2.6 billion (£1.7 billion). The news - accompanied

by a statement from Sumi-tomo saying it would press criminal charges against Mr Hamanaka — emerged with a revised earnings estimate from the Japanese group, which said it expected to show a loss of £870 million this financial year, against profits of £140 million a year

Mr Hamanaka, who stands accused of propping up the price of copper through a string of unauthorised deals conducted through the Lon-don Metals Exchange, has evaded the attention of the world's media for the past three months.

Sumitomo said it now ap pears that a small "off the books" loss made by Mr Hamanaka in 1985 escalated more than 40-fold as the trader tried to win back losses with massive, secret trading. A 60-strong task force is said to be sifting through 2,000 boxes of documents. But while Sumitomo's orig- | gressed.

inal \$1.8 billion losses fore-cast in June has been treated as a wild under-estimate, a statement from the group yes-terday indicating it has still not unwound all its trading positions in copper left the metals markets in a renewed state of flux. "We know Ha-manaka had huge positions and there is a suspicion that these are still overhanging the market, even if they are now owned by someone else, one metals dealer said.

on three floors. Another

opens on New York's Fifth

Avenue next month, high-

lighting a move towards

Benetton outlets have been

The Oxford Circus store

small, boutique shops.

Mr Hamanaka mainly used a number of British broking ness — most notably Win-chester Commodities, whose owners, Charles Vincent and Ashley Levett, made windfall profits from the Japanese trader's business. Winches-ter, which has stated that all its dealings were above board and properly reported to reg ulators, along with several other brokers, is the subject of a Serious Fraud Office inquiry, while the City's chief regulator, the Securities and Investments Board, is review ing the LME as a whole.

gressional hearing into the affair began this week. David King, chief executive of the LME, has written to the House Banking Committee in Washington outlining his version of how and when the LME's investigation into Mr Hamanaka's activities pro-

## Societies win £100m tax victory

Teresa Hunter

THREE leading mortgage groups won a landmark victory yesterday in a 10ernment which could trigger a £100 million-plus windfall

To dye for . . . Luciano Benetion shepherds star attractions to the opening of his company's biggest store

and live performances from bands. It will stock the full

Benetton and Sisley ranges

children's wear from the Zerotondo and 012 ranges,

and a new maternity line,

Mr Benetton said that, al-

though the retail clothing market had recently been

Manage of Benetton.

The Halifax, on behalf of the Leeds Permanent, the Abbey National, for the National & Provincial, and the Yorkshire had appealed to the Commission of Human Rights after the Government blocked any legal action in British courts relating to a tax row dating back to 1986. The Government now faces the embarrassment of a defeat

ission, and the prospect of a large bill for taxpayers. The court is not expected to hear the case until late next

hibition space, plus DJs | slack, his 120 UK shops had | mula One racing, roadside

Benetton, which was

founded in 1965 by the eponymous family, has 7,000 shops in 120

7,000 shops in 120 countries. The Benetton

group is now much more

shown a 20 per cent rise in restaurants, hypermarkets, property, merchant bank-

than a clothing company. also involved in r The business includes For-parts of the business.

The disagreement began when the Government switched from gathering savings tax under the composite rate system — which applied to all accounts and was the responsibility of the institu-tions — to taxing savers individually.
The Woolwich, Leeds Per-

manent, National & Provin-cial and Yorkshire were

in the European Court of they had been taxed twice be rule out further claims. The Human Rights, which typically backs the findings of the said the Revenue's transifax, then launched a legal tional arrangements left them paying both composite rate eral months of the first year. The Woolwich, which suf-

ing and sports goods.

The empire is controlled by Luciano, his brothers

Gilberto and Carlo, and his

sister Giulianaone, Numer-

ous Benetton children are

also involved in running

fered most. began judicial procedings against the Government in 1986, thereby sparking a four-year legal battle which ended in a House of Lords defeat for the Goveroment. The Woolwich received

tax rebate of £100 million – triggering a spate of claims from other institutions. These were immediately

action against the Treasury This was in turn stifled by the 1992 Finance Act, which outlawed all further proceedings in British courts.

The Benetton shops are

not owned by the company.

They operate on what some

might describe as a fran-

chising basis but Luciano

prefers to call a licensing

Managers of the stores

pay Benetton for its goods and then have free use of the company image.

A Halifax spokesman said: "Halifax chief executive Mike Blackburn, who was then at the head of the Leeds, felt that the Government was infring-ing the society's basic human rights by denying it a fair earing in the courts.
"This view has now been

upheld by the European Com mission of Human Rights. which has supported our among a group of building blocked by the 1991 Finance view that everyone is entitled societies which claimed that Act, which changed the law to a fair and public hearing."

## **Hambros and Regent truce over**

Hong Kong group threatens bank with break-up. Paul Murphy reports

month of a truce be-tween Hambros, one of London's few remaining independent merchant banks, and rebel shareholder Regent Pacific appeared premature yes-terday after the aggressive Hong Kong-based investment house said it had given Hambros a deadline of today to come up with restructuring

Regent, which is best known for launching breakup bids for investment trusts.

EPORTS earlier this | month and immediately slammonth and immediately stan-med the bank's performance as "diabolical" — a charge dismissed by Hambro's chief executive Sir Chips Keswick

as "gratuitously rude Now Regent, which has just completed a restructuring of its own ownership, is threatening to muster the support of other Hambros shareholders to get the banking group broken up if it fails to realise shareholder value itself.

"We obviously don't have the means, certainly not at revealed it had built a 3 per the moment, to buy the com-cent stake in Hambros last pany and to dismember it, but holding in Hambro Insurance

there are bits of Hambros that would demand a much higher price outside the current structure. James Mellon, Regent's managing director, said yesterday.

Relations between the two

parties appeared to have calmed following a meeting between Sir Chips and three egent directors 10 days ago. But Regent now wants an "adequate" response to a letter, containing the September 20 deadline, which sets out its proposals. These are said to include a £500 million repayment of capital to sharehold ers, together with the sale of Hambro's 51 per cent stake in estate agency Hambro Coun-

another £200 million. Mr Mellon believes shares in Hambros are worth 350p against yesterday's stock market quote of 260%p and Regent's acquisition price of

242p a share.
"Our preferred route is that the company pays back a sub-stantial amount of capital to the shareholders," he said. "If they're unprepared to do that, we'll go to the other shareholders and solicit support for some kind of restructuring and I'm sure we'll be successful because they don't have a constituency of sup-port," Mr Mellon said. Hambros was maintaining its silence on the affair yester-

#### Signet's attempt to offload jewellery chain falls apart leases had proved the insur-mountable sticking point.

Pauline Springett

SIGNET, the debt-laden jewellery group which used to be known as Ratners. abandoned talks on the sale of its British chains H Samuel and Ernest Jones. The announcement was

made after the stock market had closed and simply said with the unnamed buyer understood to be venture capitalist Apax Partners — had not been reached. Signet and Apax have been

thrashing out the deal for nine months. By May it seemed that a sale of the 600 shops for £280 million was all but completed. But it later emerged that the two sides could not agree over the terms of the shop leases.

James McAdam, Signet's chairman, confirmed that the

reported a pre-tax loss for the half year to August 3 of £6 £21.3 million loss last year. stood to have received several offers, but Apax soon emerged as the only serious contender. Signet put the UK side of its operations on the market in January in an attempt to reduce its debt of

£300 million plus.

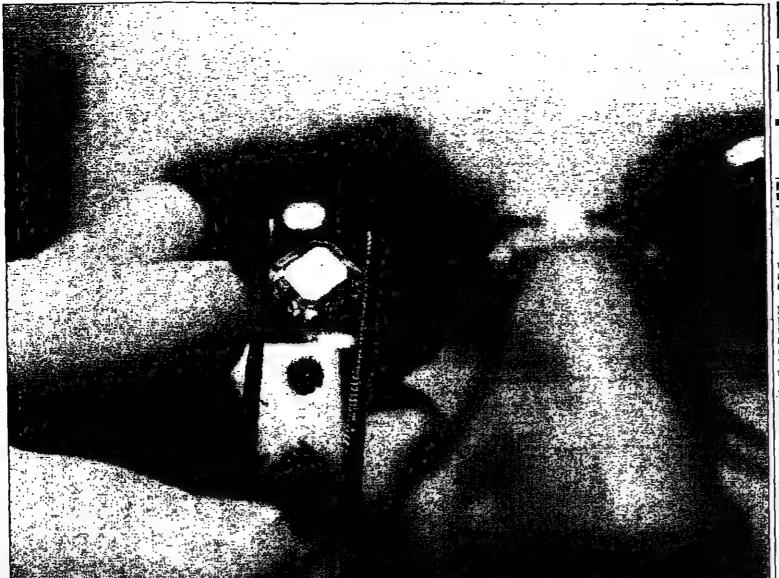
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## EU seeks devaluation curb

#### Government faces storm over move to restrict sterling's room for manoeuvre. John Palmer reports

N A move certain to infuriate Tory Eurosceptics, Britain will come under pressure this weekend from its European part-ners to rule out competitive devaluations of the pound when a hard core of countries adopt the single currency. Chancellor Kenneth Clarke

will also be pressed by fellow finance ministers, meeting in Dublin, to agree that the UK's exchange rate policy is a mat-ter of "common concern" to the EU as a whole — implying even closer consultation beners over economic policy. Finance ministers are ex-

pected to brush aside British relaunch a reformed exchange rate mechanism, link-ing the euro to other EU currencies outside monetary union (the "outs").

They are determined to keep EMU on track for its planned launch on January 1, 1999, by approving a "stability pact" binding countries to keep their budget deficits under long-term control after the moves to the single cur-

"This is a very important meeting for the credibility of the whole EMU operation. We are confident that there will be a political consensus among member states on all these issues," a European Commission official said yesdorsement of the ministers for the stability pact and the new ERM, it will be for the their formal blessing to the

rency are complete.

whole package at their Dublin summit in December." Although all EU countries the prospect of being fined. aiming to take part in the The proposed pact falls far

single currency will be ex-pected to join the new ERM. This will remove any need

for Britain to re-peg sterling inside the new ERM in the run-up to the 1998 decision about which countries qualify to take part in the move to a single currency. The ministers will also be given a confidential paper by

the European Monetary Insti tute, precursor to the pro-posed European Central Bank, setting out its ideas on how the new ERM should work and what exchange rate margins should apply be-tween the euro and non-EMU currencies (the "ins" and 'outs"). The EMI also wants the pro

posed European central bank to be given powers to trigger exchange rate adjustments where economic circum-Any country judged to be running a "persistent" and "excessive deficit" will face

short of the draconian sanc-tions originally demanded by Bonn. But it is considered sufficiently watertight for Germany to accept some degree of "flexibility" in applying the EMU treaty single-cur-rency criteria in borderline The commission and most

BU member states want any

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penalties to be imposed only after errant governments in which to come up with corrective economic measures Germany is still pushing for a six-month period of grace but it will agree to governments with deficits of more than 3 per cent of GDP (rather than the 1 per cent it originally de-manded) having to make non-interest-bearing deposits with the central bank.

The rate of fines would start at about 0.2 per cent of GDP but could rise thereafter according to the extent of any excessive deficit.

Although there will be a "presumption" that sanctions should be imposed where a country runs an excessive deficit, no action will be taken made an assessment of all the

For all the stress on the stability pact, EMU govern-ments will still have to decide what in each case amounts to an excessive and persistent

throughout Europe, however. RMC's businesses in Portu-gal, Spain and Ireland are all

performing well, and al-though each is relatively

small on its own, the small

## **Factories prices** remain immune to shopping spree

factory gate have dipped to a three-year .low despite a strong upturn in the housing market and on the high street, the CBI says today.
With firms dipping into

plentiful stockpiles to meet growing consumer demand. the employers' organisation creases over the summer were at their lowest level since the middle of 1998.

Giving its latest snapshot of manufacturing activity, CBI executives welcomed evi-dence of subdued inflation. which provides further am-munition to Chancellor Kenneth Clarke in his battle with the Bank of England against

higher interest rates.
"The unchanged trend on price pressures...is likely to exert downward pressure on overall inflation," said asso-ciate director Sudhir Junan-

The good news on inflation followed further evidence ear lier this week of a retall boom and strong mortgage lending figures from the Building Societies Association, released yesterday.

The BSA said total home loans in August were \$3,814 million. While this was down on the 24,113 million recorded in the preceding month, the fall was entirely accounted for by the exit of National & Provincial building society from the market and the usual end-of-summer

dip in demand. Seasonally adjusted net lending figures, which include loan repayments, were £1,354 million — a four-year high. Adrian Coles, the BSA's

latest lending figures provide | exports. With companies the clearest indication that | starting to make inroads in the housing market is return-

ing to health."

City analysts said the property market recovery would be sustained until a spring election. Jonathan Loynes, at HSBC James Capel, said: This is more robust news on the housing market. The next few months should see a increase in housing transac-

The CBI says the reviving domestic economy — underpinned by rising property prices — is boosting domestic orders, offsetting a fall in overseas demand. More than a third of the

1,200 companies polled in August said output would rise over the last four months of the year, against 15 per cent predicting a fall in produc-

Mr Junankar said the monthly industrial Trends ening. survey could mark the end of Simo a long decline in the factory

"The improvement in dethough manufacturers con-tinue to be hampered by weak

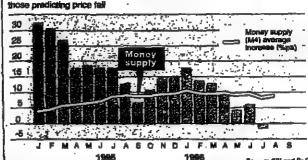
starting to make inroads in their stocks of unsold goods. the output increases pre-dicted in this survey suggest is poised to recover."
The only cloud on the eco

an increase in the Bank of England's broad measure of money supply, M4, which is seen by some economists as an early warning sign on in-flation. The Bank said the stock of money in the economy - boosted by Abbey Na tional's takeover of the N&P rose at a rate of 9.4 per cent over the year to August, up

from 9.1 per cent in July. Although most economists said the data would not worry the Chancellor, some warned that the Bank of England would use the growing strength of the money supply to argue for monetary tight

Simon Briscoe, UK economist at the broker Nikko Europe, said: "The figures are not a cause for concern. But mand is encouraging, altithis will not stop the Bank of though manufacturers continue to be hampered by weak posed inflationary threats."

#### Money and prices



### **News Corp** set for big profits rise

UPERT Murdoch, chairman of News Cor-poration, has delivered a strongly upbeat profit fore-cast, predicting that the global media group will achieve a "very substan-tial" earnings increase in

a 20 per cent budgeted profit increase for this year - which would lift profits to more than 1.5 billion Australian dollars (2761

million) before abnormal items — was realistic. Huge box office takings from Independence Day, group's 20th Century Fox studies in Hollywood, combined with moderating paper prices and strong ad-vertising demand for Fox Broadcasting in America, will be at the heart of the

Mr Murdoch's forecast

as continuing losses at Star TV, the Asian satellite His statement in the annual report indicates that the poor performance from films, magazines and

There are also plans to

## — Murdoch

Lise Buckingham

follows a 6 per cent fall in group profits before abnormals to A\$1.26 billion in the year to June, when results were hit by the dis-posal of HarperCollins Edu-cational publishing as well

Australian newspapers are turning around. Newsprint

increases cost the group more than A\$300 million dollars last time and its consumer book publishing business, HarperCollins. was hit by the collapse of the Net Book Agreement. But Mr Murdoch now says: "A substantial bud-geted profit increase for the gated profit increase for the full year currently appears very attainable." The News Corporation stock price

## Jobs seesaw for **BA** and Morrisons

Serah Whitebloom

 EVEN hundred and fifty jobs at British Airways' Heathrow operation looked set for the axe last night -- 24 hours after the flag-carrying airline disclosed that 5,000 posts were to go over the next 18 months.

The news came as Morri-ons, the Bradford-based supermarket chain, announced that it was to create 8,200 new jobs by opening four new superstores. BA's plans became clear

vesterday as it announced the closure of a loss-making handling unit — which pro-vides ticketing, check-in. cargo, loading, ramp-hand-ling and lost baggage for 25 other airlines at Heathrow terminals two and three.
The "world's favourite air-

line" expects to be able to redeploy or retrain the major-ity of the 750 staff, although redundancy was not being ruled out.

Wednesday is designed to save £1 billion over the next tive, Bob Ayling, said yester-day: "We have examined at length both the opportunities to increase our prices to our customers and to reduce our costs of the operation, but have rejuctantly concluded

Meanwhile, Morrisons surprised the City as it unvelled an 8 per cent profits increase and the opening of four new superstores in some of the country's unemployment

blackspots.

Morrisons, formed in 1899 but relatively unknown in the South, disclosed that it had 3.25 million customers a week going through its stores contributing to pre-tax profits of 255.2 million for the first half of this year.

A spokeswoman said the new stores would be at Chea-dle Heath in Greater Manchester. Sunderland. North-BA's sweeping programme ampton and Sheffield.

#### News in brief

### 'Pressured' BICC in £170m cash call

BICC, the cables and construction company, yesterday made a \$170 million cash call in response to "terrific pressure" from its cables businesses for investment capital. Alan Jones, BICC's recently appointed chief executive, said the firm's optical-fibre and communication cables businesses had put management under pressure to "find money for growth".

BICC announced its rights issue at 270p per share along with BICC announced its rights issue at 210p per share along with \$200 million investment plans which involve putting \$140 million into optical fibres, optical cables and Brand-Rex data communications cables. The firm also said it would use \$40 million of money raised and internal funds in its Asia-Pacific operations. A further £35 million is earmarked for private finance infrastructure projects in the UK. — Sarah Whiteh

#### Lottery squeezes Brent

THE battered Brent Walker leisure group yesterday said its betting business was still suffering because of the impact of the National Lottery and Instants scratch cards. The company, which was reporting a pre-tax loss of £51.6 million for the first half of the year, compared with a loss last year of £51.4 million, said that turnover in its William Hill betting shops continued to be dented by competition from the lottery. Chairman Brian Goswell said it would continue to lobby for further deregulation of the gambling ndustry. — Pauline Springett

### Glaxo Wellcome shake-up

GLAXO Wellcome yesterday signalled the growing importance of emerging economies with a reorganisation which creates five business regions. The drugs company said the shake-up stemmed from a strategic review following the takeover of Wellcome last year, and was intended to boost regional decision-making. "The artial purpose is to capitalise on the diversity of business oportunities around the world," said Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive. — Ragar Couse

#### Pizza buy-out deal

PIZZAEXPRESS, the fast-growing restaurant operator, will next month announce a deal to buy out the majority of its franchisee month amounce a deal to buy out the majority of its franchisees for more than £20 million. The chain, which yesterday amounced a 54 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £10.2 million for the year to 'July, is understood to have agreed terms with a group of about 30 of its remaining 35 franchised stores, a move welcomed by analysts as earnings-enhancing. — Dominic Walsh

## Concrete maker whistles in the gloom

OUTLOOK/Pauline Springett on the construction famine hitting RMC's share price

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world's largest supplier of ready-mixed concrete — the origin of its name — plus a host of other building materitation for quality, and they are not prone to changes in fashion, Moreover, the company's management is respected and the balance

sheet strong Nevertheless, RMC currently is straining its relationship with the City to the limit — witness the sharp slump in the share price yes-

much by the half-year profits dive — RMC issued a profits warning in May. The real trouble is that despite a valiant attempt by the manage ment to appear optimistic, the next six months look dis-

RMC has been caught out by two main factors: bad weather in Europe and a building industry in Germany which has dred jobs have gone so far and gone off the boil. Add contin-more cuts are likely.

MC tends to enjoy a good relationship with the City. It is the world's largest supplier of ready-mixed concrete — the tincity gloomy outlook.

We would be described as the construction markets elsewhere, and you have a distinctly gloomy outlook.

Peter Young, chief executive of RMC, acknowledged that Germany was "problematic", adding that although he believed the second half of 1996 At the root of poor results for the first half was the

severe winter in Europe — it was still snowing heavily in Austria, for instance, in early summer. When the sun finally shone, construction industries in the main countries where RMC operates failed to ignite.

Germany is RMC's biggest

market, accounting for 35 per cent of sales. The company has steadily increased its German business in recent years and certainly took advantage of the initial boost in construction after the Berlin wall was removed. But things have of German housebuilding. and lower cement imports into eastern Germany, are taking their toll. Cost-reduction measures have been initiated by the firm but have yet to take effect. Several hun-

would be better than the first, sales were likely to dip again next year. "I can't see it im-proving until 1998," he said. In the UK — RMC's other main market — the outlook is more mixed. Mr Young, who must be one of life's opti-mists, said he believed the housing market was at last set to pick up, and that the

ailing private finance initia-tive — designed to co-fund projects with the Government — "will actually happen". The rest of Europe is also mixed. Mr Young complained that many European economies were being held back because their governments were trying to hit targets in preparation for the single currency. France in particular was badly affected. Mr Young said that while RMC's French

bits do add up.

The US business is also picking up, thanks to a revitalised Californian construction industry. In the long term the plan is to reduce RMC's reliance on Germany and the UK. There will be further expansion in Europe and in the rest of the world. The Israeli business is buoyant, and the company has recently started an oper tion in Jordan.

move into India - a country new to the delights of readylikely to be achieved by large purchases. Instead, RMC is likely to beep faith with its traditional mix of organic growth plus small bott-on acdivision turned in "another dismal performance", things quisitions. That means it may take some years before Nir Young's optimism bears fruit Conditions are not bad - the City must be patient.

#### Workers rally against anti-PVC campaign said 100,000 jobs were at risk in the Dusseldorf alrort fire in the German PVC industry April which killed 17 people. as a result of PVC substitu-PVC cable coating was widely emerge." The five big 'lies' Roger Cowe LMOST 5,000 chemition. Greenpeace argues that Philip Law, spokesman for

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cal industry workers joined a demonstration in Dusseldorf yes terday to support PVC against growing environmentalist criticism of the chlorine-

based plastic. Delegations from across Europe at the rally, organised by the chemical industry union, IG Chemie, and AgPU. the PVC industry campaign. heard North Rhine Wesnhalia economic minister, Wolfgang Clement, via satellite link. say there was no reason to

new jobs could be created by using PVC-free materials. Speakers burst balloons representing what they de-scribed as five lies about the plastic Greenpeace claims manufacturing chlorine en-dangers the environment because of its heavy energy use and the threat from toxic

chemicals such as mercury used in production. It says the pthalates used to make PVC flexible. which were discovered in baby milk this year, are responsible for knight. B&Q environment long-term job security reproductive disorders. Confidustry representatives troversy has also grown since banning PVC was not proved. free plastics."

plamed for toxic smoke, and the plastic has been banned in public places by some German local authorities. The industry says PVC was not an important factor and will be exonerated in the final

British chemical group ICI is heavily involved in the chlorine industry, though it has sold its PVC business DIY store B&Q and retailers such as Boots and Sainsbury are examining the case for alternatives. Allan

report into the fire.

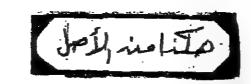
the British Plastics Federation, said last night: "Any burning produces toxic smoke. The removal of PVC from construction materials would make hardly any change to that. There are no health, safety or environmental reasons to abandon PVC. Greenpeace toxics campaigner Benny Haerlin said: "It's PVC that turns a fire into a chemical accident. Chemical workers would do hetter to demonstrate for

It is highly flammable and approvated the airport biss; industry says: it is one of the most difficult materials to burn Greenpeace says: it causes toxic smoke

Production requires excessive amounts of energyinclustry says: it has a better energy balance then other materials Greenpeace says: not across the whole lifecycle

PVC is not recycled industry says: 70 per cent is recyclable eace says: in Germany only 15 per cent will be by 2005 industry eaver dicates from burning PVC no more harmful than

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## Miss Stamper can complete nap hand

Ken Oliver

transforming a bargain buy into a valuable racing machine Richard Hannon has few equals and the Marlbor-ough trainer has worked the oracle this season with Miss Stamper, who cost a mere

7,500 guineas.
This afternoon at Ayr, Miss Stamper bids to add the £18,000 first prize of the Shadwell Stud Firth Of Clyde Stakes to her tally, which stands at more than £150,000 not bad for a filly whose winning streak began in a mere auction maiden stakes at Chepstow in June.

Further victories against better class followed at New-bury and Newmarket, but the icing on the cake was at the Curragh 20 days ago when she stormed home by three lengths in the valuable Tattersalls Breeders' Stakes

To enhance her breeding value, Hannon has chosen this afternoon's Listed race and Miss Stamper (3.35) looks set to complete the nap

Following a filly in form at this time of the year is a profitable ploy, but many burnt their fingers at Doncaster last Saturday when Ninia, backed down to 7-2 favourite in a field of 17 handicappers.

But her final position tells ! nothing of her performance.
Her jockey, Richard Hills, got in all sorts of trouble and I feel certain he will not remember the ride as one of his best. Before that debacle Ninia had chalked up a hattrick and, though carrying a 5lb penalty for her latest success, still looks on an attractive mark

tive mark.
Mark Johnston, her trainer, has brought her back to one mile in the Ladbrokes Ayrshire Handicap after wins over 10 furlongs (twice) and

nine furlongs.

Johnston feels that a mile is
the ideal trip for Ninia (4.10), who was also entered for the mile and a quarter 2.35 race, and if there is any justice those who lost their cash last week should certainly be repaid this afternoon. At Newbury, Joe Naught-on's Hever Golf Rose (2.40)

can regain winning form in the Tony Stratton Smith Me-morial Conditions Stakes. This five-year-old mare has yet to find her form that notched eight wins last year, including the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp in

However, she has run some fine races and Naughton is using this as a prep race for another tilt at the Abbaye next month.



Hannon . . . eye for bargain

£8.3 million building project for Kempton Park.

Plans for the course centre upon the remodelling of the grandstand and the reposi-tioning of the parade ring to a new site behind the grandstand.

It is intended that the project will be completed be-tween the Boxing Day meeting this year and early December 1997. During this time the fixtures in January, February and December will be unaffected. Between March 29 and August 19 six meetings will be held with reduced fa-The Horserace Betting Levy cilities, while four fixtures, Board have approved a £4 million interest-free loan to be transferred.

## **Brave** ends lean spell

Sended a losing spell stretching back more try's most prestigious Flat fixture when Brave Montgomerie emerged trium phant at Ayr's Western Meeting yesterday. Linda Perratt, who has

trained for five years at Cree Lodge, just a stone's throw from the track, was the woman responsible for restoring national pride. "I reckon this is Scotland's first winner at this meeting for 12 years and I'm absolutely delighted to have done it," said the 32-year-old blonde.

Like all of Miss Perratt's string, Brave Montgomerie is galloped on the racetrack, and he capitalise home advantage when find-ing a powerful late run to overbaul Canadian Fantasy

in the Holiday In Ayrshire & Arran Maiden Stakes.

The colt is owned by construction company boss Colin McLaren, whose colours will be carried tomorrow by Don't Care in the Ladbroke Ayr Gold

Cup. Don't Care will be running for Miss Perratt for the first time, having previously been trained in Ireland by Jim Bolger.

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| 31           | 200100 QUEENS CONSUL (6) (D) B Rollmon 6-3-8 M Factor B              |
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| 07           | DOVE KALA SUNRISE (7) C Smith 2-0-1 K Durley 1                       |
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| 7      | NICK OF TIME J Dunlop 6-8T Sprake 9  |
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| 3    | CESSIAN CASS W Hern 8-10  |
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| 2    | HURT P Cole 8-10 Pat Eddery 7 4 KING SOUND (14) J Gooden 8-10 Pages 8 |
| 7    | PANNATCH J Dunion 8-10  |
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| 4.1   | 5 KPMQ SILVER CLEF HANDICAP (LADES RACE) 1m 4f CS,115  |                        |
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|       | 000230 TAPPETO (15) H Candy 4-11-7   | C Descript(5) 2        |
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| 7     | 9-91001 AOMH MORL METOCHES (5.1) IN Higher pages 2-19-9  | K Ella 15              |
| 8     | 535-60 PAPER CLOUD (67) A Philips 4-10-6   | Y Staymou 18           |
|       | 530300 QUISTAYED WELCOME (14) (D) M Haymon 4-10-3  | C Corbett (5) 10       |
| 10    | 056340 ARCATURA (25) C James 4-10-3  | Moretioness            |
| 11    | 533000 STALLED (14) (D) P Walkyn 6-10-1  | Mandford 17            |
|       | 141232 VOICES SH THE SKY (16) (II) (AF) A Newscombe 5-10-0   | M Carson 19            |
| 12    | 45-0500 STRAIGHT THURSDIG (91) J Speening 3-6-13   | A S-Priest (5) 20      |
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| 14    | 662060 DOUBLE ECHO (13) (D) J Beibel B-8-12  | 1. Pauren 21           |
| 15    | 306524 NOSEY MATIVE (36) J Pearce 3-9-9  | & Bridge 24            |
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| 17    | 100423 STRAT'S LEDACY (9) (0) D Arbertand 9-9-7  | W Mannes 13            |
| 15    | NAMES ADDRESSED WILL (36) II CAMBIOGO 10-0-7   | A Ferrell 22+          |
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Bettings: 5-1 Dauphin, 6-1 Rising Spray, 7-1 Typhoon Eight, 6-1 Voices in The Sky. Tappess, 10-1 No.



Ascot date

SLEEPYTIME. 7-1 for the 1,000 Guineas after her winning debut at Sandown on Wednesday, may run next at Ascot on Saturday week in the Fillies Mile, won last year by her stablemate Bosra Sham.

# 4.45 VICTOR CHANDLER HANDICAP TI Seyab 28,183 1 35400 MORENTS OF PORTURE (28) B Handbury 4-10-0 2 0-0726 JAWAAL (27) (D) Lody Harries 0-4-4-7 Sprake 9 3 20-215 SECRET SPRING (2020) (EP) P Hedger 4-9-2 A MicCline 11 4 0-1210 ARMASTHAL (122) (D) N Graham 4-8-12 L Beford 7 5 45500 KNOBELENHEZDE (12) (CD) M Channon 6-11 R Heaghes 2-7 5 327-110 YOURS DUKE (13) (CD) (EP) Jarg 3 Williams 8-10 J Reid 6 7 61202 CSOSS OF VALUUR (14) J Toller 5-8-9 S Senders 10 8 11432 WILD PAUR (15) (D) N 'Clomma 4-8-7 Emme O'Genome 5: 9 12\*322 FARAWAY LASS (15) Lod Hurtingson 3-8-5 Almes Cack (8) 12 10 20:00 PRESS ON NICCLY (12) (CD) W Mars 3-8-0 Milliams (28) (S) 1 12 050/44 SAFEY AMA (10) (CD) B Heacher (5-7-11 J Cades 4 12 050/44 SAFEY AMA (10) (CD) B Heacher 5-7-11 J Cades 6 Bettings 3-1 Young Duke, 3-1 Farinney Lam, 5-1 Moments Cf Fortune, 6-1 Dustic, 5-1 Wid Pairs, Anaetin 10-1 Crops Of Valour. 06 MELLO CARATTERE (27) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 CS-6 CORPORAL WYM (10) P Cole 9-0 12594 DIAMOND BEACH (2) B Hale 9-0

Bettings 9-4 Corporal Nym, 3-1 Medien. 4-1 Diamond Beach, 5-1 Scarpetta, 7-1 With The Temps, 18-1 Threefneedie, 12-1 Bette Canatero

#### Blinkered today for the first time: NEWBURY: 2.10 Conflore Cailidh, Ton Banana; 4.15 Children's Choice.

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| 2.55 Strong Promise<br>3.25 Courbaril |
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| - 4   | 4/44-23 RECORD LOVER (12) (EF) M Chapman 6-10-6  |      |
|       | 13F4-25 YACKT CLUB (46) (BF) J Evre 14-10-8  |      |
|       | 006-342 TUG YOUR FORELOCK (19) G Johnson Houghton 5-18-6 A Thermine  |      |
| 7     | 40-3432 KING OF BASYLON (18) F Jordan 4-10-3 Aspell (8)  |      |
|       | 38-F245 SAKBAR (6) J Pictoring 7-10-0  |      |
|       | 4-09403 THEY ALL FORDOT ME (9) A Carroll 9-10-0  |      |
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| 1   | 5-311 CHANCE    | Y FELLA (30) (D) H Heynes 5-11-12 | A P MoCoy        |
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| 3   | DOMOGRA- ALCOVE | (304) G Johnson Houghton 5-18-12  | A TRACTICAL      |
| -   | OVOC- CALETON   | (210) R Curtis 7-10-12            |                  |
|     | 23-2 DACELO     | (13) C Shorwood 5-10-12           | Cultura          |
|     | APRIPS, PERENS  | HALL (188) M Roberts 9-10-12      |                  |
| - 7 | 43 GENESIS      | FOUR (14) Mrs L States 5-10-12    | (3)              |
|     | HARDY           | HOYAL LAD J GROW B-10-12          | L Aspel (5)      |
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| 10  | TO - NACHAE     | T (1023) M Chapman 8-16-12        | W Worthington    |
| 11  | Mark BACTER     | 5040 (7) J Jenkins 7-10-12        | D Yellowless (7) |
| 12  | ALTERNATION     | SH (8) P Princhard 8-10-12        | P Pylichard      |
| 13  | EMITT'I         | BCOCK Mrs N Mecanity 5-10-12      | A Manufro        |
| 14  | TATABILE        | # HOWDA D O'Bnen 5-10-12          | D Calleghar      |
|     | MAIN A CARDON   | FERST (8) S Meller 4-10-10        |                  |
| 15  | Gregory CADDAY  | IOH WALK (25) S Campion 4-10-10   | 2 Miles (3)      |
| 16  | AF CREATE       | TE (121) M Muggendge 4-10-10      | R Description    |
| 17  | (BZ4- SPUBLIC   | AD (7) J. Jeckus 4-10-10          | C Badler +       |
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| ٠, | 4.25 GOODLIFF NANDICAP HUNDLE 2m 110yd: 12,443                               | - |
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| _  | Betting: 11-8 Stately Home, 9-4 Super Sharp, 11-4 Remater, 6-1 Lovemento. 41 |   |
|    | 4 20-4311 SUPER SHARP (8) (2) H Cliner 8-10-0                                |   |
|    | 2 SIZE RAMSTAR (8) P Hotor 8-10-11 A P McCoy                                 |   |
| k, | 4 4177-46 LONGAWATHA (15) (ID) MOVE (MAIN 8-10-12                            |   |
|    | 1 111114 STATELY HOME (13) (D) P Bowen 5-12-0R Johnson                       |   |
| ď  | 3.55 SINDALL CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP CHASE 2m 110yds C3,504                    |   |
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| 7      | 312224 LANCER (24) R Judget 4-10-2<br>0554-31 DESERT CHALLPHOOFR (36) J Jenting 8-10-0 | S Fax *                    |
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|           | 4 1625-02 DRUMCULLEN (9) K Bulley 7-10-5  |
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|           | Buttling: 11-10 The Yank, 3-1 Fauly Park, 4-1 Drumsquillen, 9-2 Finide Street. 4 pm                       |
|           | 5.25 SEPTEMBER OFFERENDATE OPEN ICH PLAT 2m 110/de C1,212   |
| •         | 1 11 ULTIMATE SHOOTHIS (64) W Pips 4-17-12  |
| _         | CARTANI MAYAR (468) John Rami 6-11-1  |
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 Jivush had his Cesarewitch odds cut from 16-1 to 10-1 by Hill's after romping away with the Thomas Prior Memorial Stayers Handicap at Yarmouth yesterday. Tom Jones, the three-year-old's trainer, said: "He seems just the right sort for the big race as he settles. He has 7st 13lb plus a 4lb penalty."

#### Results

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|     | 2.10: 1, LITTLE MUE, M Birch (15-2); 5.  |
|     | Gold Edge (5-7 of lav): 3, Mightingale<br>Song (5-1 cotav), 5-1 co fav Rivonia, 15 ran   |
| 1   | 1, 2. (T Easterby) Tota: 19.90; £3,10, £1.80.  |
| 1   | \$2.00 DF: £38.20 CSF- £44.83, Trio: £43.0.  |
| 1   | 2.40: 1, BRAVE MONTGOMERS, J Car-<br>roll (5-1): 2. Campillan Fantagy (2-1): 3.          |
|     | Wystigue Air (8-1) 11-8 tev Jackson Falls  |
| 1   | 7 ran. 13, 1. (Miss L Perratt) Tota: £6.90,<br>£2.20, £1.70, Dual P: £8.60, CSP: £15.05. |
| 1   | 3.10: 1. ABLE SHEEPF. A Cubane   |
| 1   | (16-1); 2, Pagaboy (12-1); 3, America  |
| 1   | (15-1); 4, Miss Migwig (20-1). 10-1 co fee<br>Camionneur, Ingider Trader, Grand          |
| 1   | Chapeau & Stephensone Rocket, 22 ram \$  |
|     | % % (M W Easterby) Tota: £27.30, £5.70   |
| 1   | \$2.50, \$3.10. Duel F: £186.50. CSF: £186.03<br>Tricket: £2.671,79, Tric: £711.00.      |
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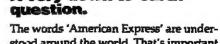
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## Running Fox stands on verge of title

Mike Selvey at Grace Road

T IS typical of cricket that when its premier competition comes to a climax the weather interferes. The Running Fox will not be quibbling however, for while Surrey kicked their heels at The Oval and Kent came horribly unstuck with the bar at Bristol, Leicestershire were able to make sufficient headway to anticipate becoming champions by tomorrow.

Bad light permitted no play in the final session, but by then the Leicestershire pace attack had taken advantage of a green-tinted pitch to have Middlesex 88 for six at lunch and all out for 190 to gain maximum bowling points. Then, as the light began to close in before tea. they reduced the deficit by 36 for the loss of Vince Wells.

Two further bonus points with the bat would be sufficient to see off Kent's chal-lenge, and then it would be down to Surrey and themselves. Already the cham-

pagne can go on ice.

Middlesex made a poor fist
of things after Mike Gatting won the toss and decided to bat first. All his batsmen, with the exception of Mark Ramprakash and later Richard Johnson, who made 27 of a seventh-wicket stand of 80. Alan Mullally (four for 53) and David Millns (two for 42). and the variation of Phil Simmons, Gordon Parsons and Wells who shared the remain-

niques and unmemorable shots. Ramprakash played supremely well for more than three hours to make 71. After failed to establish himself in the England side, his international career appears to be on hold; a pity because there are few more talented batsmen around. Perhaps he will

This was a determined. skilful effort that included 10 boundaries and two sixes. both the product of an eagle eye and razor instinct and clumped off the front foot miles over midwicket. Only a couple of times did

he appear in trouble. When 26, he edged Parsons, busting a gut into a sturdy headwind. towards first slip only for the wicketkeeper Paul Nixon to dive and push it away. On 67, he top-edged the same bowler over the keeper as he tried to hook a bouncer. This time relief was shortlived: next ball he drove a straight-

forward return catch.
With the exception of Nixon's exuberance all the bowlers were backed by the sort of high-class close catching that has been a feature of Leicestershire's success this season. Wells took a trio at slip, including a shell to get rid of Tufnell, and Simmons. despite an ankle injury that kept him off the field for a while, plunged to his right at first slip to take one-handed the chance to remove Keith Brown. Simmons is renowned



this was as good as they come. | Following suit . . . umpires Leadbeater and Willey imitate the Leicestershire huddle as another Middlesex wicket falls

Gloucestershire v Kent

## Inspired Walsh puts Kent in cold sweat

Paul Weaver at Bristol

HIS was one of those charcoal-grey, bitterly cold days when one halfexpects the new ball to be shared by Vincent Price and Peter Cushing. There was also a hint of the funereal about Kent's title hopes.

They were bowled out for 154 in only 59.4 overs, so failing to win a single batting point and their head-hanging batsmen returned to the pavilion in such swift succession that they might have 50. which means he is the ball as he stepped back over was bowled by a delivery been mistaken for a cortege. country's leading wicket the rope and then came for which kept low. Mark Ealham

It is not yet all over for taker with 81. Little wonder ward again to complete the was fifth out at 87, shortly be-Kent, though. They started he has been offered a new catch, but Ward was given not fore lunch, to a diving right-the day 15 points behind the leaders but if they now win Kent won the toss and may says a fielder must remain on Andy Smith. after taking a maximum four bowling points, which is quite possible on this indifferent pitch, and get a lot of help from Middlesex at Grace Road, they could still pip Leicestershire by a single point. But they probably have a better chance of winning

the National Lottery. Courtney Walsh was again Gloucestershire's most successful bowler with four for

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regret their decision to bat. The pitch is very slow and of uneven bounce: low and very low. Trevor Ward, however, showed that runs were available to the determined. He scored 86 in 315 hours before top-edging a pull against Mark Alleyne. He might have been out to the previous delivery when he pulled a short one to deep square leg; Andrew Symonds parried the ball as he stepped back over the field at all times while

Kent from the moment Matthew Walker was out to the last bail of the first over. It was in the second hour that and Min Patel were caught things went really wrong.

Matthew Fleming was

caught at second slip at 49 and at 62 Carl Hooper was lbw to Symonds, playing back. Without addition Nigel Llong fore lunch, to a diving right-hand eatch by Jack Russell off

Kent's hopes of a decent taking a catch.

Batting looked difficult for lost three further wickets with the score on 101. Grabehind in the space of four Walsh deliveries.

 Surrey's coach Dave Gil-bert took The Oval's groundstaff to task between the showers vesterday, complain-ing that they had not adequately covered part of the square. That, he said, might have stopped play getting under way even if the rains had not returned at 2.30pm.

that we should be doing all we can to ensure play," said the area of the square which got very boggy, but it wasn't covered this morning. It is now."

Scoreboard

## Essex have eyes on second-best

ITH the champion-ship title moving inexorably Leicestershire's way, the £30,000 cheque for second place has become the target of potential, if only partial, com-pensation for their rivals. Fourth-placed Essex cer-

tainly have their eyes on the money and, with their visi-tors Glamorgan, dodged the showers at Chelmsford where Graham Gooch (62) and Nasser Hussain (60) remained unruffled as they took the home side to 148 for

one before the weather finally won shortly after tea. Derbyshire were in no mood to offer the bottom club Durham any late-seatas took decisive toll with five for 60 and, with Andrew Harris chipping in with three for 32. Durham survived only 45.1 overs for

142 runs. Chris Adams then

Northempton: Yorkshire (1pt) have made 213 for three against Northemptonshire

proceeded to demonstrate how easy batting can be by rushing to 77 as Derbyshire

made 136 for two. The England A tourist Michael Vaughan chose to walk off for bad light while unbeaten on 95 at North-ampton, where Yorkshire reached 213 for four. But he had by then passed 1,000 runs for the season in an opening stand of 112 with Martyn Moxon (57).

The Hampshire opener Jason Laney also had a good day: he scored an unbeaten 76 against Nottinghamshire and was awarded his county cap. With Giles White (73) he posted only Hampshire's second censummer at 147.

Sussex were humbled for 141 at Hove by Somerset, for whom the reputedly un-settled Andy Caddick weighed in with five for 58.

Rugby Union crossfire pavie: the bis

Robert Armstrong

threatened to scrap their scheduled international against Wales at Car-diff Arms Park on December 1 if they are not given an autumn date against England John O'Neill, the Austra-lian RFU chief executive, has given England's seemingly in-terminable saga of strife a fresh twist by in effect holding the home unions' tours mmittee to ransom.

Australia would prefer to play England at Twickenham on November 2 or 16, having failed to persuade the tours committee to allow the match on December 7 in place of the Wallabies' scheduled game against the Barbarians With Tests already arranged against Wales, Scotland and Ireland, the tourists are eager to set up the opportunity of a grand slam, a feat they pulled off in 1984.

The threat to the Wales match has been issued largely because Ray Williams, the "It is not possible to change such short notice." He spoke of in finding a date for England and said that more than 30,000 tickets had been sold for the end-of-tour game against the Barbarians at Twickenham

O'Neill pointed out that fi-pancial considerations also lay behind the push to inary: 'We're not ashamed to say there are financial objec-tives, and I just think these people need a big jolt. We all have enormous challenges to face in the professional era."

Yesterday the tours commit-tee rapped the Australians over the knuckles, declaring in a caustic statement: "We do not plan to conduct our negotiations through the media and will be corresponding with the Australian RFU accordingly." Bob Weighill, the com

tee's secretary, said: "Every effort is still being made to resolve the matter ... a number of options are under consideration but it's a very complex situation."

Australia have already o celled one game in order to play Wales on December I, a Sunday. It is conceivable that the latest threat is merely a bluff aimed at forcing Williams to come up with the date for an England Test. However. the Welsh Rugby Union, nue from all sources to help fund the £106 million rebuild ing of the Arms Park for the 1999 World Cup, will be retuctant to test Australia's detar-

mination in the matter. Setting aside the potential embarrassing question of whether the RFU will have the England squad under contract by November and will be in a position to put out a first-choice team, England are desperately keen to play a Twickenham Test against Australia after the five-year gap since they lost 12-7 in the 1991 World Cup final.

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If the Wallabies do play England on November 2 they will have to rearrange their tour match against Scottish Districts, scheduled for the same date in Glasgow. If November 16 is accepted as the date, their scheduled game against Ulster in Belfas

have to be rearranged. Meanwhile Peter W the Leicester chief executive, has boosted England's train-ing plans, declaring that members of the national squad should attend next Wednesday's session at Bisham Abbey. Leicester rent 43-man squad.

 Alex Evans has turned down the chance to return to the Arms Park as Cardiff's director of coaching. Evans. Australia's 57-year-old national director of coachin Cup triumph in 1994 and the First Division championship the following season.

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## Davies example the big Solheim asset for Europe

David Davies sees his namesake Laura as the scourge of the US at St Pierre

St Pierre course near Chepstow over the next three days. If Europe beat the United States and regain the Solheim Cup, it will mark the first time that teams from this side of the Atlantic have simultaneously held all four of the trophies

contested with the US. The Ryder, Walker and Curtis Cups are all safely ashore and, if the Solheim is not landed, the fault, remarkably, may lie not with the players but more with the misguided committee that negotiated the contest's rules.

These are heavily weighted in favour of the team with more strength in depth, ac-knowledged by both sides to a remarkable European effort to counteract an advantage gifted to their opponents at the negotiating table.

The European players at St Pierre are confident nevertheless. They know they have the top three players in the Ping world rankings: Laura Davies, Annika Sorenstam and Lotte Neumann in that

OLFING history order. They also have three could be made at the more in the top 20: Alison more in the top 20: Alison Nicholas, Marie Laure de Lor-Nicholas, Marie Laure de Lor-enzi and Helen Alfredsson — and the comforting thought that anything can happen in match play, as it did at Dal-mahoy in 1992 when they beat the Americans 111/2-61/3. But that win was achieved with a team of 10 who played

with a team of 10 who played a total of 18 matches. The Americans could not believe it, did not like it and took steps to prevent it happening again. For the 1994 contest the format was changed so there were more matches. The Americans won 13-7 and even before that the format for this year had been changed yet

Once more the Europeans were hopelessly out-manoeuvred. They ended up voting for a formula which gave them even less chance than they originally had, and they have spent the past two years defending the indefensible. In place of the 'Dalmahoy formula" of 10-woman teams playing for 18 points, they now have teams of 12 compet-

### Faldo enjoys designer's perks to dog the tearaway Spence

Patrick Glenn

JAMIE SPENCE must have gone to bed last night feeling the slightly sweaty uncertainty of a fu-gitive. One step ahead of the chasing pack in the inaugu-ral Loch Lomond World Invitational, the 33-year-old Kentish man knows that the most formidable figure in

the posse is Nick Faldo. Spence's four-under-par 67 has kept him ahead longer than he could have imagined. Having teed off at 7.50 yesterday morning and completed his round about noon, he was still the pace-setter when the tailenders finished some seven

hours later. draw alongside, his eventual three-under total being as low as he got, but his odds have tumbled from 12-1 to 11-4 with the oncourse bookmakers.

It surely helps to play course, especially on a course as new and demanding as this stretch of woodland on the bank of Scotland's most picturesque loch. Tom Weiskopf, the

former Open champion who has constructed a breathtakingly beautiful test, was one of Faldo's partners and said the Englishman had played "a perfect round of golf, tailored exactly to suit the surroundings".

surroundings". Faldo's only imperfection was the bogey five on the 14th, retrieved at the next hole, after three birdies on the outward nine.

Spence had six birdies and one double bogey — at the par-four 12th — but was at pains to point out that he had led after the first round of last week's Trophée Lancôme in Paris and finished in a five-way tie for 10th.

Colin Montgomerie, the pre-tournament favourite, had a mixed bag of two birdand one double bogey in his 72. Ross Drummond, on 68, was the only Scot under par; he has won £137,000 on the European Tour this year, almost three times last season's total, and attributes his new attitude to a book. Awakening The Giant Within. The giant within Montgomerie, Ian Woosnam (73) and Sam Torrance

(79) was obviously having a

captain Mickey Walker openly admits that the Ameri-can tour is stronger in depth than the European, such ac-quiescence is hard to follow. The Americans have got what they wanted and now it is up to the European players to get their officials out of the hole

they have dug for themselves.

It will not be easy. The Americans may lack the top three in the rankings but they have numbers five to nine in Michelle McCover Death Park Michelle McGann, Dottie Pep-per, Meg Mallon, Kelley Robbins and Jane Geddes. Their entire side is within the world's top 21, whereas Europe's last six range from 22nd to 97th.

But the Americans do not have Laura Davies, a player who supplies the sort of inspiration Severiano Ballesteros did in the Ryder Cup, Gordon Sherry in the Walker Cup and Janice Moodie in the Curtis Cup. All have been focal points for their teams, able by force of personality to con-vince other players that the impossible does not exist.

Davies has been in irresist-ible form this season, having won two majors in the United States, two US Tour events, plus two wins in Europe and one in Japan.

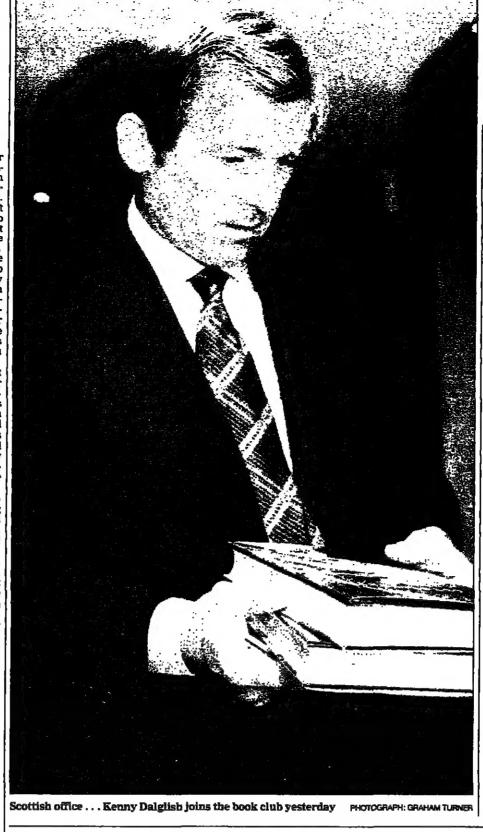
Such has been her success and the buccaneering way in which she achieves it, that comparisons are being made with Greg Norman. Has she not recently bought a Fer-rari? And has she not, over the past 12 years, indulged her hobby of gambling to the extent of losses of £500,000? Surely this was life in the fast lane, Great White Shark

style?
"Oh, no," she said yesterserious money, he's the real thing. He's got all the toys."

Davies has played the last eight weeks in a row, winning last week, and might be expected to be tired. Captain Walker does not think so. "She is just incredible. She is probably stronger and fitter than anybody and has proved that by what she has done

over the last 10 years. "If she wasn't playing in the afternoon fourballs she would probably be having a game of football, followed by a game of cricket, followed by a game of tennis. To go out and play 18 holes in the afternoon probably a relatively easy day for her.'

In such diverse ways do people tell Laura they love her and, if she can recipro-cate by helping win the Solheim Cup on Sunday, it would be a fitting end to what has been a superb season for her. FOURSOMES DRAW: (Europe tirst) 08.00 A Screnstam and C Nilsmark v X Robbins and M McGann, 08.19 L Davies and A Micholas v P Sheehan and R Jones. 98.36 M L De Lorenzi and D Reid v B Dentel and V Skinner. 08.46 H Alfredgeon and L Neumann v D Pepper and B Burton.



## Dalglish edits the big issue

**David Lacey** on the grumbling appendix at the launch of the Scot's autobiography

swept Haymarket. the homeless were selling the Big Issue. Inside a London restaurant a recent addition to the army of jobless, and owner of a rather nice house in Southport, was promoting an even bigger

Kenny Dalglish, lats of Celric, Liverpool and Blackburn Rovers, launched his autobiography' yesterday four weeks after ceasing to be the director of feetball at Parada director of football at Ewood Park, a denouement which provides the 276-page book with a grumbling appendix. Here Dalglish reiterates the

explanation he gave at the time, namely that while holidaying in Spain he called the Rovers chairman. Robert Coar, to express reservations about the level of his involvement with the club, reservations which Blackburn shared.

"The title of director of foot-ball," Dalglish felt, "was a role with no authority and little guidance." Coar then informed him that "a letter had been saying our relationship had run its course'

Dalglish still feels Blackburn should have called him directly but adds that "I was ready to go because I wasn't getting enough job satisfac-tion". This despite watching 80 matches last season and driving 25,000 miles.

This time Blackburn, managed by Ray Harford since Dalglish stepped aside after winning the championship dreadful start. They are bottom of the Premiership with one point from six matches, slump which has more to do with the £15 million transfer of Alan Shearer to Newcastle United than the departure of

Yesterday Dalglish kept faith with his recent colleagues. "Blackburn's present position doesn't give me any satisfaction." he insisted. "There was only disappointment about the way they went about terminating our agreement." ment. That gives me no reason for any animosity towards the club.

"Blackburn have got ability and a lot of good players. They're too good to be in the position they're in. Certainly they're good enough to get out of it. Ray is good enough to get them out of it, and they've still got financial backing from Jack Walker." Warm words, but when asked if he intended offering Harford any advice Dalglish replied: "He knows my number

Still only 45, Dalglish wants to be involved in football again but strictly on his terms. "You've got to know who you're working for first," he explained. "If you feel comfy with them then you'll do a better job, and I've al-ways felt comfy with those I've worked for. If ever I come back into management it will be important to get over that first barrier.

"I'm perfectly philosophical about things," he continued. "Not getting back into football management wouldn't break my heart so long as I could find something else I was comfortable with. But I'd have to trust the people I was working with, and if I couldn't do that then I won't

have a job.
"I'd like to get a bit more knowledge on the coaching side. I'd like to educate myself there a bit more. At Blackburn my last job was more a consultant's role than director of football. It never worked out the way I imagined. "The most important thing

was to get people to realise that Ray was the manager. I was brought up to believe that there is one voice at a club and that is the manager's. Dalglish — My Autobiography. by Kenny Daiglish with Henry Winter (Hodder and Stoughton, £16.99).

#### Blackburn target Euro 96 hero Bierhoff at £5m

DLACKBURN Rovers are hoping to fill the gap that Alan Shearer left by signing the German international Oliver Bierhoff, writes Mark Redding.

Blackburn made on the sale of Shearer to Newcastle.

The Lancashire side have hit the target only five times in the league this season. Bierhoff, 28, is an ex-

paired with Shearer's old SAS partner Sutton, now fit

Ewood Park officials the final of Euro 96.
spent Wednesday in Italy The sacked Leeds United locked in negotiations with would cost about £5 million. or a third of the money

The striker would be perienced goalscorer now with his sixth club and made the headlines in Engagain after missing most of land when he came on as a last season through injury, substitute and scored twice though presumably not to in Germany's 2-1 victory over the Czech Republic in

manager Howard Wilkinthe player and his Serie A son is to join the BBC club Udinese. Bierhoff Radio 5 Live team. "I wanted a break from foot-ball management," he said. they want to get rid of me."

the start of a new career. Chelsea have signed Norway's international goalkeeper Frode Grodas on loan from Lillestrom until the end of the year. Grodas, 31, is needed as cover after the Russian Dmitri Khar-

The £5 million-rated winger Trevor Sinclair has hinted that he will remain at First Division Queens Park Rangers. "The club have always treated me in an adult way and I'm happy here," he said. "That's the

ine injured his knee.

## No Rush again for Wales

Martin Thorpe

AN RUSH's Wales career looks finally over after the have been invaluable in such an important match. But the

enal's John Hartson up front and is likely to call on Everton's Gary Speed to cover Giggs's absence.

SQUAD: Southall (Everion), Morriott (Wrexham): 18 Source (West Ham), Jenkins (Hudderstreid), Colomas (Blackburn), Symons (Men Cby, Richella (Sunderland), Browning (Bristol Rovers), Pembridge (Shetfield Wed), Logg, Morse (both Birmingham), Robinson (Charlon), Saunders (Nollim Fores), Hughes (Chelles), Speed (Everion), Savage (Crews), Taylor (Shetlield Uid), Harbson (Arzona), J Boreen (Birmingham), Brace, Palling (both Wresham)

#### Rugby League

## **Fast track for Super League**

HRIS CAISLEY insisted a number of times yesterday that this is no breakaway. Even Rugby League (Europe) Ltd sounds a lot like it. This is the organisation -

in the image of soccer's Pre-mier League — that is now responsible for the running and promotion of the 12 Super League clubs and whose aims were outlined by Caisley, the Bradford Bulls chairman, at Salford yesterday.

It will have its own chief executive, its own staff and headquarters, and will work to its own agenda. But it will remain under the umbrella of the Rugby Football League and be answerable to its

The RFL, as a shareholder in the new organisation, will also have the power of veto on certain issues, such as promo-

RLE will work to a 10-point programme designed to generate increasing revenue; to secure sustainable profitability; to improve the profile and popularity of its clubs and players; to increase quality and competition; and, not least, to entertain.

There are still four years of time, Super League will be so | contract.

ration will be eager to sign a bigger and better new contract

"At a time when rugby union is in complete disarray. when they are running about like headless chickens signing everybody under the sun and spending vast fortunes they will never recoup, we believe this organisation presents us with the best opportunity for taking the game forward," said Caisley.

"We want the game to expand, but not at all costs. We want to make rugby league so attractive that people will want to buy into us. We will

make things happen." Last week there was talk of disenchanted First and Second Division clubs break ing away. Now it is the Super League clubs who will plough their own furrow but, in Cais ley's view, to the general good of the game. The setting up of RLE, he said, had met no opposition whatsoever.

next year will receive a basic payment of £850,000. Prizemoney will be available to the first 10 clubs, with £120,000 going to the winners, £80,000 to the second and £60,000 to the third. The clubs in ninth and 10th positions will each receive £10,000.

the £87 million deal with Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation to run. Caisley predicts that, at the end of that time Super Vaccount Williams Super Vacco

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### Motor Racing

## I'll go to the limit, warns Hill

Alan Henry at Estoril

AMON HILL, who will clinch the world championship here on Sunday if Jacques Ville-neuve fails to finish ahead of him in the Portuguese Grand Prix, yesterday warned his Williams team-mate that if necessary he will drive to the very limit to take the title.

Surely, he was asked, this did not mean he would deliberately ram Villeneuve off the circuit? "Wouldn't I?" the Briton replied with a twinkle. What I am saying is that I'm currently leading the championship and I am determined to win it.

in the past in ways that I | and not have to see another and I don't want it to happen this time. But if I am in the lead I will defend my position vigorously, there is no question about it. My situation is quite simple: I have to finish ahead of Jacques to finish the whole thing off.

"I do not want to resort to unfair tactics. It's always a matter of opinion as to what is fair and what is not. I drive the way I feel fit at any given time, and I'm at liberty to drive in a way which may not be the way

regard as unsatisfactory soul for the entire race. We will have to wait and see." 13 points going into this penultimate race of the season. To finish second be-hind the Canadian driver on Sunday would leave him one point short of the championship, but Villeneuve could claim it only by winning next month's

Neither driver needs to be reminded that it was at Suzuka in 1990 that Ayrton Senna rammed Alain Prost that people expect me to Senna rammed Alain Prost drive. I have everything at off the road at the first cormy disposal: I don't always have to give way.

ner, settling the championship in the Brazilian's "I am against unfair tactics," he added. "I have seen championships settled start on pole, lead the race | fore setting off for Japan.

Japanese GP and with Hill failing to score a single point in that race.

#### Tennis

### Henman leads hunt for group one security

F NOSTALGIA is the newralgia of the emotions then SW19 is set for three days of pain as Wimbledon's No. 1 court, that most quirky of tennis stages, makes its competi-tive bow this weekend.

The bulldozers are about to be unleashed and 72 years of history reduced to rubble. But first Britain play Egypt in a Davis Cup promotion match which should see David Lloyd's team, spearheaded by Tim Henman, climb clear of the Euro-Africa Zone group two into group one.

The main concern yester day was not the opposition. rather the state of the weather. The three days are virtually sold out but the threat of rain (to say nothing first round of the US Open 1998 and competed another impromptu Cliff last month. losing in five sets Davis Cup proper.

the forecast not encouraging. Lloyd is looking for a quick kill and has his strongest team. When Britain beat Slovenia 4-1 in Newcastle this year Henman was ill, and in July Greg Rusedski was injured for the visit to Ghana.

much better result than some gave us credit for. I wouldn't have predicted it," said Lloyd who as a former Davis Cup player himself is all too aware of the pitfalls and pratfalls of The Canadian-born Ru-sedski, who has won all his

Davis Cup matches since his debut last year, opens this chey unless something goes morning against Tamer El drastically wrong today. Sawy, Egypt's 24-year-old No. 1 who lives in the United the chance next year to re-States and qualified for the enter the world's top 16 in first round of the US Open 1998 and compete for the

Richard concert) is real and to Sweden's Mikael Tillstrom. the forecast not encouraging. "Tamer is very solid from the baseline and can serve well at times," said Henman Playing on grass is clearly in Britain's favour, although No. 1 court is bound to be on the slow side given the cur-rent damp conditions. Henman, the world No. 33, plays Amr Ghoneim, ranked some 500 places below him, in today's second singles.

There has been outside pressure on Lloyd to play Henman and Neil Broad, sil ver medallists at the Atlanta Olympics, in tomorrow's pairing Broad and Mark Pet-Victory will give Britain

Chess

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### ager Bobby Gould might recall

omitted from the squad for the World Cup qualifier against Holland in Cardiff on It was thought that the man-

Rush, who had dropped out of the squad for the last game against San Marino after failing to get a guarantee that he would be in the side. Wales will be without the suspended Ryan Giggs, and Rush's experience would, many thought,

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A vote will be taken tomorrow by the 101 member countries of the International Baseball Association on whether to allow professionals to compete in the Otympics. A two-thirds resjority would be needed for the aport to go the same route as basket-ball and toe hockey and a yes vote could see baseball included in the 2000 Games.

The top seed Chris Wilkinson from Hampshire leads five British players into the quarter-linals of the Augurn Sateline leans tournament at the Wirral after over-

isonas izurnament at the wirral amer over coming a strong challenge from North-amptonshire's Paul Robinson yestarday. The British No. 4. who defeated Robinson 6-3, 7-5, meets Ola Fukarek a 19-yest-old from the Czech Republic who won his Ilral Satellile evant in Melayak a formight ago

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rift seems irreparable, with Gould admitting he had not even contacted Rush about his Gould again prefers Ar-

## Sport in brief

Cycling

Alex Zülle increased his lead on the Tour of Spain's first foray into the mountains, the 17-mile 12th stage to Aldo del Naranco won by Italy's Dan-iele Nardello. Laurent Jalabert moved up to second be-hind his ONCE team-mate in place of Miguel Indurain, who is now more than two minutes down in third.

Motor Racing

Murray Walker has been ap-proached by ITV to switch channels when it takes over the coverage of Formula One from the BBC next season. "The deal has not been signed but both sides want each other." a source said. Ralf Schumacher, the younger brother of Michael, is expected to sign a two-year contract with Jordan-Peugeot

Ice Hockey Manchester Storm will add

the Kingston Hawks trio Oleg Sinkov, Danius Bauba and John Hatg to their squad for next Tuesday's opening European League game at home to TPS Turku of Finland, writes Vic Batchelder. Storm have also signed the Canadian forward Chad Penney, who is awaiting a work permit before he can join the team.

England share sixth place, half a point behind the topseeded Russians, after three rounds of the 127-nation Olympiad in Armenia, writes Leonard Barden. England's start and share third place

Soccer

Diego Maradona, fresh from his rehabilitation in a Swiss clinic, went on the rampage in a hotel lobby in Alicante, Spain, at five o'clock yesterday morning, breaking a table and turning over chairs. The Argentinian was apparently venting his anger after being trapped in a lift for 20 minutes after a night on the

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## AMERICANS HOLD ALL THE ACES EXCEPT ONE AS SOLHEIM CUP STARTS TODAY



Tell Laura we love her . . . Britain's world No. 1 Laura Davies has an appreciative gallery yesterday as she practises for the Solheim Cup match against the United States. At stake is the only major trophy the Americans have not ceded to a European team. Full story, page 15

## Jilted Lee may now look abroad for City

lan Ross on the Maine Road chairman's latest rebuff in his search for a manager

HE managership of day when Dave Bassett an-Manchester City was nounced that he would all but confirmed as remain with Crystal Palace. the most undesirable only eight hours after saying in English football yestering he was willing to take

changed his mind to plunge City still further into turmoil. Bassett is the third high-

profile manager to turn down the chance to follow Alan Ball, who resigned last month three games into the season. George Graham rejected the chairman Francis Lee's

United last week, and Howard Kendall, the former City manager now in charge at Shef-field United, snubbed two formal approaches from Lee and his fellow directors.

With City's current care-taker manager Asa Hartford

overtures before succeeding adamant that he does not manager asked me for my Howard Wilkinson at Leeds want the job on a full-time opinion obviously. I would basis. Lee finds himself back at square one almost a month after Ball's depature. Lee said Bassett had ver-

bally accepted the invitation late on Wednesday night. Lee went to bed believing his embarrassing search for a manager was finally at an end, only to be awoken at 7.05am by the phone call from

then rang and said he changed his mind overnight. I am flab ergasted. He even discussed players with me; he gave me a definite yes that he wanted the job and told me to go out and buy [a player] this morning." Lee rejected claims that would-be occupants of the Maine Road hot seat had been put off because he had a repu-tation for interfering in the

dressing room. "I am astonished at this claim," he said. "You can ask my previous manager Brian Horton. I do not interfere with the manager, but if a

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opinion obviously I would Bassett's decision came 36

hours after City had been humiliated by the Third Division side Lincoln City, losing 4-1 in a Coca-Cola Cup tie. "Francis Lee was disappointed, he was devastated," said Bassett. "I had to think long and hard but believe I

have reached the professionally correct decision. I have and would like to finish it. With debts of around £20 million, an injury-ravaged senior squad of debatable quality and increasingly im-

patient supporters. City are

moving swiftly towards another major crisis.
This morning Lee will find himself drawing up yet another shortlist of prospective candidates and though the names of Port Vale's John Rudge, Stoke City's Lou Macari and Barnsley's Danny Wilson are likely to feature, he may now decide to take his

## Tailor made for a role in midfield



T IS now official: the "Most Stylish Man In Britain" is a footballer. At yesterday's Menswear Awards ceremony, held in the Park Lane Hotel, Jamie Redknapp pippe Ruud Gullit to the coveted title. It could not have been closer, apparently; Redknapp won it by lapel difference.

No one at the ceremony seemed surprised that a footballer rather than, say, a pop singer or film star was regarded as, in the words of the compere, "the kind of man the youth of today looks to as a style icon". According to Mike Souter, editor of FHM. the fashion magazine sponsoring the event footballers are the

snappiest dressers in Britain. Designers, he said, anxious for instantly recognisable clothes-horses, pursue them constantly. Paul Smith kitted out the England team with their off-duty outfits in Euro 96. Hugo Boss took on Man-chester United, and Wayne Hemingway of Red Or Dead was so keen on a connection with football that he designed this season's kit for Chelmsford City. As yet, though, Souter did not know of anyone seeking to tailor a range around Neville Southall. The relationship between

footballers and fabric stretches back to the abolition of the maximum wage. Before Jimmy Hill got all agitated, players dressed in the ele-phantine trousers and voluminous cloth-caps everyone else wore back then and lan Wright does now. But, even if they had money, it took sev-eral generations for footballers to learn how to wear it.

In the Seventies, for express their individuality by appearing for post-match interviews on Match of the Day wearing a tie folded over so many times that it squatted in a fat ball on the throat, as if a bull-frog had taken up residence on the collar - a style known, through snorts of deri In the Eighties it was "footballer's hair". But now, apparently, every young aspirant wants to look like Jamie

Redknapp. As with most things footballing, it was money that made the difference. Awash with cash, drowning in free time, foothallers these days have become leading experts in tailoring. Ask a Premier ship midfielder whether he prefers four or five across the middle and, more often than not, he will assume you are referring to the number of buttons on his jacket

In a revealing profile for the Manchester United Video Magazine last year Lee Sharpe invited the cameras into his lovely home. One room was lined with ward. robes. This, the player said: opening a cupboard door to reveal acres of knitwear, was a special room, the place where he kept his jumpers. Such a wanton display of frip pery, one felt at the time, was not the best way to endear Sharpe to Alex Ferguson with his flint-like Puritan soul and a blazer and grey slacks for

every occasion. How relieved, after leaving ergie, Sharpe must have peen to see the elegant George Graham smooth into Elland Road: so much easier to relate stands the fundamental human need to go out and spend £600 on a cardigan. Significantly Graham did not select Sharpe for his first match in charge at the club Official word was that the player was injured, but the as-tute will surmise that Graham had sent him out on a scouting mission scouring Leeds for outlets stocking Cerruti and Tommy Hilfiger.

HIS is the difference be tween now and the Seventies: since the average Premiership foot baller buys a jacket every other day, the law of average dictates that he must occasionally get his hands on something stylish; though the law of averages seems to have given a wide berth to Berry Venison, John Barnes and the entire Liverpool squad at this

year's Cup final. Oddly for the "most stylish man in Britain", the deal to supply vanilla-coloured suits to Liverpool that day was bro-kered by Redknapo. Sadly, as they say on these occasions, he could not be at the ceremony esterday to offer his explan tion for that aberration. He sent along Louise, the pop singer described as "his clos personal friend", to pick up the

award on his behalf Louise, wearing a black dress cut so low on the midriff it might have been designed by a plumber, explained that Jamie was "completely bonoured to win this award, which means so much to him". She did not say why he could not be there; out buying

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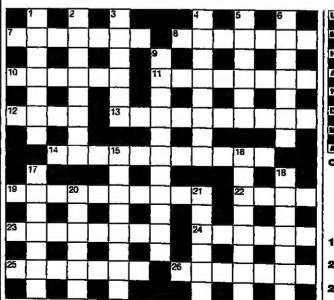


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